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Alderman Ward presented the matter of securing an amendment to the city charter which will permit the payment of city taxes during the months of July and August. The advantage of this system was represented in the fact that during the summer there was more money in circulation, rendering payment less burdensome. Mayor Bell was authorized to communicate with Representative Van Camp and secure the introduction of a bill covering this matter.

City Teamster Willard presented his resignation which was referred to the fire committee with instructions to report at the next council meeting.

City Attorney Sears was authorized to take such steps as seemed necessary, to compel the Big Four railway company to immediately provide gates or station a watchman at the crossing on Territorial street.

City Clerk Chaddock reported the receipts of his office for the month of January to be $595.66.

City Treasurer Huntington reported a total balance of $10,281.12 in the various funds of the city.

Street Commissioner Shankland reported the expenditure of $53.50 on the city's streets, the majority of which was paid for laborers occupied in shovelling snow.

Harbormaster Carey presented a bill of $17.50, salary for the month of January, which was referred to the finance committee for investigation. Fifteen dollars of the amount of the bill is intended for services as bridge tender. The councilmen were inclined to believe that Mr. Carey had not earned this salary during January as it is not known that any boats came up the canal as far as the Graham docks.

Charles Schultz was allowed a rebate of $1.96 in his city taxes.

BAD NURSERY STOCK.

It Has Been Shipped Into Nearly Every State.

There is at present a great scare among the leading horticulturists of not alone this state but in every fruit raising state in the Union. The cause of the trouble is known as the San Jose scale which, when it presents itself in an orchard, means certain death to every tree. This scale is finer than coal dust and is almost impossible to see it with the naked eye. It does not confine itself alone to fruit trees but is found in vines and shrubs.

The scale was brought to this country from Australia in nursery stock shipped to California, which state has already lost millions of dollars worth of fruit by its existence and later the stock was shipped to three nurseries in New Jersey and Long Island and from these points were shipped into every state. It is already known that one of these firms sent 150 trees in this state and another firm sent 50, and it is feared that when an examination is made many orchards will be found in a worthless condition.

At a meeting of the State Horticultural society a bill taking up the matter was drafted. This meeting was held Jan. 27 and on the 29 Prof. Taft and Representative Graham met the state entomologists of several states in Chicago and each one took a copy of the bill and the same will be presented to the legislature of seven states.

With all the diseased orchards removed it is thought the scale will die.

THE LADY MINSTRELS.

They Will Entertain in Conkey's Hall Tomorrow Night.

The Benton Harbor Lady Minstrels which is composed of members of the L. O. T. M. will present the following program in Conkey's hall tomorrow night:

PART ONE

Opening Chorus: "Climbing on my Golden Wheel," Miss Judy Jones: "Pretty Phylis Gray," Miss Daisy Bell: "Ambolina Snow," Miss Chlorinda Johnsing: "Down on the Ohio," Miss Jane Snowball: "I'se your nigger if you want me Liza Jane," Miss Chloe White: Ballad, Miss Dottie Dimple: "The Darkey Cavaliers," Miss Calcimina Whitewash: "My Gal is a High Born Lady," Miss Dinah Blackberry: The Colored 400.

PART TWO

Selection, "Black America," Ladies Orchestra: Song and Dance, from Theatre Comique, "The Simpson Sisters," Daisy Bell: Stump Speech, "Woman's Rights," Rosebud Blueberry: "Trilby" from Palmer's Theatre, Miss Bebe Bwana: The Pickaninny's Quickstep, Jentle Jane Jig. The Dusky Damsel's March.

Advertised Letters.

List of unclaimed letters remaining in this office for the week ending February 2, 1897:

Adams, Mrs. Bert	Johnson, Kenneth
Avery, Geo. S.	Lawson, Jennie M.
Brown, Miss Magnolia	Meyers, Mrs. Lillie
Bailey, Mr. C. H.	Means, Mr.
Comstock, Mrs. Elizabeth	Parker, John O.
Cortright, Horace	Palmer, Maud
Daniel, W. H.	Smith, Mary A.
Eyman, Miss Maggie 2	St. Andre, Avery 2
Expositor Benton Harbor	Wheeler, Mr. J. H.
Hartle, Mr. William	Wiggins, Mr. George D.
Johnson, Mrs. Sarah	Ware, L.

When calling for these letters please say "advertised."

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"I HAVE TAKEN HOOD'S PILLS for billiousness and disorders of the stomach and bowels, and have always found them to be reliable."
Fred G. Cook, Watervliet, Mich.
HOOD'S SARSAPARILLA is the one true blood purifier.

CIRCUIT COURT.

Dr. Burke Wins a Case Against the C. & W. M. Railway Company.

Judge Coolidge is rapidly clearing the circuit court calendar of cases. The third case since yesterday noon is now on trial and will probably be disposed of this afternoon. This forenoon the trial of the suit in assumpsit brought by James H. Butzbach against Herman Flood was taken up and is now in progress.

Delano Pleads Guilty.

Howard Delano, accused of burglarizing Lucker's meat market at St. Joseph, was arraigned this morning and pleaded guilty. There is a suspicion that Wesley Fowler, charged with forgery, is demented. The court appointed Dr. McLin to investigate his mental condition. He is in the county jail awaiting trial.

A motion that the plaintiff in the case of John W. Thompson against David Smith be required to file a bond for security for the costs was denied.

Goines Convicted.

Thomas Goines, colored, charged with assault with intent to do great bodily harm, less than the crime of murder, committed upon Charles Calnowski, of this city, was convicted yesterday, the jury deliberating less than half an hour. Goines is considered a dangerous man and will probably receive a severe sentence.

Dr. Burke Wins.

The circuit court reached the first civil case in the January calendar yesterday, that of Dr. Charles H. Burke against the Chicago & West Michigan company. At a special session of court held last evening, the trial was begun. Dr. Burke brings suit to collect a bill of $176 against the railway company for professional services rendered H. Radke, of St Joseph injured in an accident on the West Michigan. The case was first heard before Justice St. Clair, and a judgment of $83.50 rendered the plaintiff. The defendants appealed to the circuit court, where the jury by instruction of the court, returned a verdict of no cause of action. A retrial of the case was finally granted which is now concluded, the jury this morning awarding the plaintiff a verdict of $21.22.

Rhea Fiber.

The claim is put forth by the London Times that the Gomess process for treating the rhea fiber is completely successful in rendering that plant a most valuable source of textile material. This process adopts zincate of soda for the elimination of the resins and effects it without the slightest injury to the fiber. After the "ribbons" or strips of back have been freed from dirt they are placed in weak acid baths for a night. Next morning they are passed through a mild alkaline bath and then boiled in weak solutions of caustic soda to which zinc has been added. When washed and dried by the usual mechanical means, the fibers emerge as a long silky floss, entirely free from the cuticle and resinous gums in which they were imbedded, being also clean, white and ready for the comb of the spinner. They likewise take the most attractive dyes and can be worked into every variety of fabric, from the finest quality of velvets to cheap drills and delicate laces. The combined lightness and toughness of the fiber render it peculiarly suitable for tents and ship canvas, and three-fifths more cloth of equal strength can be produced from rhea than from the same weight of linen—that is, 1,000 yards of rhea canvas weighs only as much as 600 yards of linen, its durability and resisting power to strain being also much greater.

He Knew a Thing or Two.

Sir Charles Gavan Duffy, a former premier of the Australian colony of Victoria, was once made the object of a peculiar embarrassment. A man on a public occasion presented himself to Sir Charles, who had been appointed to some petty government office after a campaign in which there had been questionable electoral practices.

"I suppose," said Sir Charles, "that you are one of my supporters?"

"Three of them," answered the man, with a wink that was impossible to misunderstand.—Pearson's Weekly.

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Highest Honors—World's Fair.
DR. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER
MOST PERFECT MADE.
A pure Grape Cream of Tartar Powder. Free from Ammonia, Alum or any other adulterant
40 Years the Standard.

DILAPIDATED BUILDING.

St. Joseph People Sorry It Didn't Burn Down Today.

This morning the St. Joseph fire department was called out to extinguish a blaze in a dilapidated and fallen down shanty located on Church street and owned by Dr. Parker. The firemen saved the building much to the disappointment of the citizens who reside in the vicinity. The building, it is alleged, has been the rendezvous for tramps and other questionable characters and is anything but an ornament to the streets. The shanty, it is thought, was fired by tramps this morning.

DAMAGE PROCEEDINGS.

Instituted by Gore & Harvey Against the Williams Transportation Co.

Attorneys Gore and Harvey have been retained in an action for heavy damages brought against the Williams transportation company by friends of the victims of the fatal fire aboard the steamer, City of Kalamazoo, which burned to the water's edge in the harbor at South Haven on the night of December 30, last.

Mrs. Joseph Lang of Covert, whose husband was found in the hold of the vessel burned to a crisp, and Levi Gowens, also a resident of Covert, whose daughter, Miss Rosa, stewardess on the boat, was taken from the river into which she leaped to escape the flames, are the plaintiffs in the damage suits.

Gross negligence is charged against the transportation company in not providing a watchman on board the boat, a requirement demanded of vessel owners under circumstances as in the case of the City of Kalamazoo when the crew is all aboard and a fire is kept burning.

THE HOSPITAL FUND.

It Is Growing With Flattering Rapidity.

The hospital fund is growing steadily and all doubt as to the ability of the projectors to raise the required $10,000 is dissipated. The subscription list now contains $1,700 subscribed as follows:

A. Plummer	$100
G. M. Bell	$100
Edward Brant	$100
John Bell	$100
J. S. Morton	$100
J. C. Bostick	$100
Frank P. Graves	$100
W. C. Bastar	$100
E. H. Ferguson	$100
A. A. Patterson	$100
Mrs. C. H. Porter	$100
C. H. Porter	$100
Milton Hinkley	$100
John T. Owens	$100
H. V. Tutton	$100
H. R. Huntington	$100
Evening News	$100

A general committee has been appointed to push the work forward composed as follows: A. Plummer, John Bell, J. T. Owens, S. A. Bailey, G. M. Bell, J. S. Morton, Dr. Tutton and James McDonald.

NEWS OF THE STATE

Berrien and Cass counties have the youngest county clerks in the state. Mr. Needham of Berrien is 26 and Mr. Eby of Cass is 27 years of age.

Some time ago a license was granted to a Niles widow, aged 50, and a young man not yet 30. The wedding has been postponed three times, the groom-elect losing his nerve at the critical juncture.

Col. A. T. Bliss of Saginaw is operating two lumber camps, near Coleman and expects to put in 5,000,000 feet of logs this winter.

The Grand Rapids board of health is going to start a crusade against those who expectorate in public.

The insurance war which has waged in Kalamazoo for months is over, the agents having agreed to restore and maintain rates.

A Kalamazoo attorney claims that counties have no legal right to make prisoners pound stone and proposes to take a test case to the Supreme Court.

The Calumet & Hecla Mining Company will give free hospital and club privileges to employes during 1897. The men will be assessed as formerly.

As a result of the Baird-Kerr legislative contests other Saginaw county defeated candidates threaten to institute proceedings to unseat their opponents.

STREET CAR AND CUTTER.

They Collide on Pipestone Street Late Last Night.

Last night shortly before 11 o'clock "Matt" Yore was driving up Pipestone street in a cutter and when in front of Miller's meat market a street car overtook him and before he could get out of the track the car struck the cutter throwing Mr. Yore and a companion in the snow. The cutter was sadly demolished and Mr. Yore who was unable to procure another to pursue his way home was compelled to stay in town all night. Mr. Yore received several severe bruises but no material damage was done save the cutter which is a complete wreck.

We have given John Schairer the agency in Benton Harbor for our Barley Malt Whiskey. Distilled from malted barley it is rich and nutritious, and free from all impurity. For the sick and feeble it is a true tonic.
E. H. CHASE & CO., Distillers, Louisville, Ky

STORY OF THE SLANDER SUIT.

Temptations Placed in the Way of William Livingston.

The action for $10,000 damages instituted by William G. Livingston against Walter T. Bradford, cashier of the commercial state bank at St. Joseph, noticed in yesterday's EVENING NEWS, has caused considerable comment.

Livingston is a minor and commences suit by his father. He alleges that his reputation has been greatly injured by slanderous insinuations passed by Bradford while the plaintiff was occupied as a clerk in the bank of which the defendant is cashier. Livingston has held a position with the bank for a long time and according to the information conveyed by the bank officials to the boy's father was considered a very faithful employe.

Last Saturday when the bank closed its business for the week a shortage was discovered in the cash account and Cashier Bradford, it is alleged, intimated that Livingston was responsible for the shortage. He approached Livingston, it is said, with the request that he make a confession and he (Bradford) would lay the case before the board of directors.

Livingston replied that he had no confession to make whereupon the cashier ordered him out of the bank with the command to not return. The bank officials, to test the boy's honor, had on several occasions placed silver quarters and half-dollars under the waste basket and under other articles of furniture which the boy would have occasion to move when he swept the office in the morning. The money, the bank officials allege, was never returned to them and they therefore had reason to doubt the boy's integrity.

BAPTIZED A JAPANESE.

Happy Experience of Rev. L. C. Barnes, Well Known Here.

Rev. Lemuel Call Barnes, pastor of the Fourth Avenue Baptist church of Pittsburg, a son of L. M. Barnes of this city, recently baptized a Japanese, and on the same occasion the Chinese Bible school rendered a gospel song in their own tongue. In the week following the baptism the Japanese brother wrote a letter to Pastor Barnes in which poor spelling and poor English is overcome by the spirit which pervades it.

Following is an extract from the letter which was printed and then reprinted in the Commonwealth, the well known Baptist family paper:

"First of all I announce that I will never forget through my life when, in where, and by whom I was baptized and received Jesus, unvisible figure of three combination—Eight of November, 1896, Fourth Avenue Baptist church in Pittsburg, Pa., U. S. A. and Pastor Lemuel Call Barnes—was stamped in my brain deeply and strictly, that will remain til my death moment.

"At last Sunday before I steped into the water I felt somewhat anxious, without having any special thought, and emotion was unusual; at the time of baptism I was almost unconscious, I might say, that at physical feeling I did not know which in water or in fire —hot or cold—and at spiritual feeling I had no chance to think any thing about but filled with joy and fear."

The Japanese goes on to tell of his new joy and declares that "life is worth living."

Rev. Lemuel Call Barnes is one of the most progressive pastors in Pittsburg.

Notice

Have left all outstanding accounts with O. S. Chapman for collection. Those not finding Mr. Chapman can pay to Frank Burr at Baker's hardware store.

DON WENTWORTH.

"One touch of nature makes the whole world kin," and one taste of Bird's candy makes a man feel at ease with himself and his mother-in-law. Bird always keeps the best.

Rates to the Inauguration.

On account of the inauguration the Big Four will sell special excursion tickets to Washington, good going March 1, 2 and 3, and leaving Washington not earlier than March 4 and not later than March 8, inclusive, at one first class fare for the round trip.

L. G. SMITH, Agent.

The City Steam laundry does more work than all other laundries in Berrien county combined. It is fine work that has built up the trade.

WILL NOT SUFFER.

Over a Half Hundred Poor in Benton Harbor Relieved Today.

Over 60 sufferers will feel the kindly hand of charity before the noble women and men who are assembled at the G. A. R. hall this afternoon, assisting Poormaster Rowe in distributing the contributions for the poor, shall have closed their labors.

Teams loaded down with provisions and clothing have stopped at the door of poor homes and to the wan, pinch-faced occupants delivered bread to feed their hungry stomachs, shoes to clothe their bare feet and warm clothing to protect them from the cold.

There was never a more generous response to the call for aid for the poor of this city than has been witnessed this winter. Long tables piled high with shoes, hats, dresses, coats, vests and pants appear at the depot of supplies in the G. A. R. hall, and between 25 and 30 women have been occupied all day is repairing the rents and placing the garments in a condition for use by the poor.

DEBT FOURTEEN MILLIONS BIGGER.

Partly Accounted for by the Redemption of Pacific Railway Bonds.

Washington, Feb. 2.—The statement of the public debt shows the debt, less cash in the treasury on Jan. 31 to have been $1,007,008,317, an increase for the month of $14,078,735. This increase is accounted for by the redemption of $9,586,000 in matured Pacific railroad bonds which will be held as a debt against the company, and the interest payments for the month, which amounted to $6,761,026 which reduced the cash in the treasury that much. The debt proper, independent of the cash on hand, was increased during the month by $2,120,776, which is chargeable to the increase in the amount of national bank notes outstanding.

The debt is classified as follows: Interest bearing debt, $847,364,750; debt on which interest has ceased since maturity, $1,382,930; debt bearing no interest, $374,623,057; total, $1,223,370,737. The cash is classified as follows: Gold, $182,357,121; silver, $513,136,348; paper, $144,492,197; bonds, disbursing officers' balances, etc., $17,938,241; total, $858,553,910, against which there are demand liabilities outstanding amounting to $643,191,490, which leaves a net cash balance in the treasury of $215,362,120.

Washington, Feb. 2.—The comparative statement of the government receipts and expenditures shows the total receipts during January to have been $24,316,094, and the expenditures $30,269,389. This leaves a deficit for the month of $5,952,295, and for the seven months of the present fiscal year a deficit of $43,864,702. The deficit for the same seven months of last year was $18,686,877.

People with hair that is continually falling out, or those that are bald, can stop the falling, and get a good growth of hair by using Hall's Hair Renewer.

Q. What is sweeter than life? Ans. A box of Bird's candy. Bird always keeps the best.

Have you tried Moebs' Pro Patria cigars? Worth 10c, sold for 5c. Stamped Pro Patria. A cool, sweet, satisfying smoke. George Moebs & Co., manufacturers, Detroit.

Hall & Nichols have their new long distance telephone in operation

O! for a lodge in some vast wilderness where I can be alone with a box of Bird's fine candies Bird always sells the best.

Have you got good teeth? Stick them into Bird's fine taffy. Bird always sells the best.

For the next 60 days C. R. Hollis & Son will sell their entire stock at actual cost before buying spring goods.
521387

"Now good digestion wait on appetite and health on both." Use Washburn's Gold Medal flour—all good grocers sell it.
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Lister's Bone Meal.

The season for bone meal is at hand. For Joseph Lister's celebrated meal orders may be left with P. Boehm, Benton Harbor. C. H. FARNUM, General Agent.
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Cleveland's BAKING POWDER.
A pure cream of tartar powder. No alum, no adulteration.
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27 years on the market. A favorite wherever introduced.
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For New Year's
We are prepared to assist you in your wants in the way of

Fancy Slippers, Shoes, etc.
For Ladies and Gentlemen
Fine Neckwear, Hosiery, Gloves and Mittens, Hats and caps, Silk and Wool Mufflers, Fine Traveling Bags, Trunks, etc. Our stock of clothing and overcoats is exceptionally large and complete, and our boots, shoes and rubbers are always right.
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Lonsdale or Fruit of Loom Muslin 15 Yards $1.
We will offer window shades in opaque cloth, 6 feet long, fixtures and all complete, choice of colors, at 19c each.
Also our entire choice of felt shades, choice this date, 10 cents each.
GROCERIES
12 lbs pure buckwheat, 25c.
12 lbs oatmeal, 25c.
12½ lbs Corn meal, 12c a sack.
Armour's family lard, 6c a lb.
Armour's picnic hams, 6c a lb.
Until April 1 we close at 6:30 p. m.

Genuine Reduction Sale
Having more goods than money we are awful anxious to exchange. In order to do so we expect to sacrifice. But that cuts no figure
Goods Must Move
FOR THE NEXT 30 DAYS
Purchasers of Dry Goods, Gloves, Hosiery, Underwear, Blankets, Cloaks and Millinery can save money by trading with us. Profits more than knocked off on everything. Some things less than half price.
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Sale of Seconds in UNDERWEAR
A lot of seconds of ladies' and children's underwear bought of a well known mill and placed on the market at about 75 cents on the dollar from wholesale prices. This lot is as follows:
18 Ladies' Combination Suits at - - - 50c
42 Ladies' Vests and Pants at - - - - 25c
60 Ladies' Vests and Pants at - - - 22c
24 Children's Combination Suits at - - 40c
33 Ladies' Vests and Pants at - - - 50c
60 Misses' Vests and Pants, - - - - 19c
48 Children's Vests and Pants, - - - 15c
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J. O. VAN HORN..
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A claim of $57 against the city was presented by John Daunoff for the use and injury of a horse. While one of the city horses was sick the use of Daunoff's horse was borrowed. Daunoff insists that while his horse was in the possession of the city it was so injured as to be useless thereafter. The horse was in the service of the city 12 days for which Mr. Daunoff charges $12, and the remainder of the claim, $45, represents the damage by reason of the beast's injury. The claim is in the hands of the finance committee.

Alderman Ward presented the matter of securing an amendment to the city charter which will permit the payment of city taxes during the months of July and August. The advantage of this system was represented in the fact that during the summer there was more money in circulation, rendering payment less burdensome. Mayor Bell was authorized to communicate with Representative Van Camp and secure the introduction of a bill covering this matter.

City Teamster Willard presented his resignation which was referred to the fire committee with instructions to report at the next council meeting.

City Attorney Sears was authorized to take such steps as seemed necessary, to compel the Big Four railway company to immediately provide gates or station a watchman at the crossing on Territorial street.

City Clerk Chaddock reported the receipts of his office for the month of January to be $595.66.

City Treasurer Huntington reported a total balance of $10,281.12 in the various funds of the city.

Street Commissioner Shankland reported the expenditure of $55.50 on the city's streets, the majority of which was paid for laborers occupied in shovelling snow.

Harbormaster Carey presented a bill of $17.50, salary for the month of January, which was referred to the finance committee for investigation. Fifteen dollars of the amount of the bill is intended for services as bridge tender. The councilmen were inclined to believe that Mr. Carey had not earned this salary during January as it is not known that any boats came up the canal as far as the Graham docks.

Charles Schultz was allowed a rebate of $1.96 in his city taxes.

BAD NURSERY STOCK.

It Has Been Shipped Into Nearly Every State.

There is at present a great scare among the leading horticulturists of not alone this state but in every fruit raising state in the Union. The cause of the trouble is known as the San Jose scale which, when it presents itself in an orchard, means certain death to every tree. This scale is finer than coal dust and is almost impossible to see it with the naked eye. It does not confine itself alone to fruit trees but is found in vines and shrubs.

The scale was brought to this country from Australia in nursery stock shipped to California, which state has already lost millions of dollars worth of fruit by its existence, and later the stock was shipped to three nurseries in New Jersey and Long Island and from these points were shipped into every state. It is already known that one of these firms sent 150 trees in this state and another firm sent 50, and it is feared that when an examination is made many orchards will be found in a worthless condition.

At a meeting of the State Horticultural society a bill taking up the matter was drafted. This meeting was held Jan. 27 and on the 29 Prof. Taft and Representative Graham met the state entomologists of several states in Chicago and each one took a copy of the bill and the same will be presented to the legislature of seven states.

With all the diseased orchards removed it is thought the scale will die.

THE LADY MINSTRELS.

They Will Entertain in Conkey's Hall Tomorrow Night.

The Benton Harbor Lady Minstrels which is composed of members of the L. O. T. M. will present the following program in Conkey's hall tomorrow night:

PART ONE

Opening Chorus: "Climbing on my Golden Wheel," Miss Judy Jones; "Pretty Phyllis Gray," Miss Daisy Bell; "Ambolina Snow," Miss Chlorinda Johnsing; "Down on the Ohio," Miss Jane Snowball; "I'se your nigger if you want me Liza Jane," Miss Chloe White; Ballad, Miss Dottie Dimple; "The Darkey Cavaliers," Miss Calcinina White; wash: "My Gal is a High Born Lady," Miss Dinah Blackberry; The Colored 400.

PART TWO

Selection, "Black America," Ladies Orchestra; Song and Dance, from Theatre Comique, "The Simpson Sisters," Daisy Bell; Stump Speech, "Woman's Rights," Rosebud Blackberry; "Trilby" from Palmer's Theatre, Miss Bebe Bwana; The Pickaninny's Quickstep, Jentle Jane Jig, The Dusky Damsel's March.

Advertised Letters.

List of unclaimed letters remaining in this office for the week ending February 2, 1897:

Adams, Mrs. Bert	Johnson, Kenneth
Avery, Geo. S.	Lawson, Jennie M
Brown, Miss Magnolia	Meyerz, Mrs. Lillie
Bailey, Mr. C. H.	Means, Mr
Comstock, Mrs. Elizabeth	Parker, John O.
Cortright, Horace	Palmer, Mane
Daniel, W. H.	Smith, Mary A.
Eyman, Miss Maggie 2	St. Andre, Avery 2
Expositor Benton Harbor	Wheeler, Mr. J. H.
Hartie, Mr. William	Wiggins, Mr. George D.
Johnson, Mrs. Sarah	Ware, L.

When calling for these letters please say "advertised."

EDGAR NICHOLS, P. M.

"I HAVE TAKEN HOOD'S PILLS for billiousness and disorders of the stomach and bowels, and have always found them to be reliable."
Fred G. Cook, Watervliet, Mich.
HOOD'S SARSAPARILLA is the one true blood purifier.

CIRCUIT COURT.

Dr. Burke Wins a Case Against the C. & W. M. Railway Company.

Judge Coolidge is rapidly clearing the circuit court calendar of cases. The third case since yesterday noon is now on trial and will probably be disposed of this afternoon. This forenoon the trial of the suit in assumpsit brought by James H. Butzbach against Herman Flood was taken up and is now in progress.

Delano Pleads Guilty.

Howard Delano, accused of burglarizing Lucker's meat market at St. Joseph, was arraigned this morning and pleaded guilty. There is a suspicion that Wesley Fowler, charged with forgery, is demented. The court appointed Dr. McLin to investigate his mental condition. He is in the county jail awaiting trial.

A motion that the plaintiff in the case of John W. Thompson against David Smith be required to file a bond for security for the costs was denied.

Goines Convicted.

Thomas Goines, colored, charged with assault with intent to do great bodily harm, less than the crime of murder, committed upon Charles Calnowski, of this city, was convicted yesterday, the jury deliberating less than half an hour. Goines is considered a dangerous man and will probably receive a severe sentence.

Dr. Burke Wins.

The circuit court reached the first civil case in the January calendar yesterday, that of Dr. Charles H. Burke against the Chicago & West Michigan company. At a special session of court held last evening, the trial was begun. Dr. Burke brings suit to collect a bill of $176 against the railway company for professional services rendered H. Radke, of St Joseph injured in an accident on the West Michigan. The case was first heard before Justice St. Clair, and a judgment of $83.50 rendered the plaintiff. The defendants appealed to the circuit court, where the jury by instruction of the court, returned a verdict of no cause of action. A retrial of the case was finally granted which is now concluded, the jury this morning awarding the plaintiff a verdict of $21.22.

Rhea Fiber.

The claim is put forth by the London Times that the Gonness process for treating the rhea fiber is completely successful in rendering that plant a most valuable source of textile material. This process adopts zincate of soda for the elimination of the resins and effects it without the slightest injury to the fiber. After the "ribbons" or strips of bark have been freed from out they are placed in weak acid baths for a night. Next morning they are passed through a mild alkaline bath and then boiled in weak solutions of caustic soda to which zinc has been added. When washed and dried by the usual mechanical means, the fibers emerge as a long silky floss, entirely free from the cuticle and resinous gums in which they were imbedded, being also clean, white and ready for the comb of the spinner. They likewise take the most attractive dyes and can be worked into every variety of fabric, from the finest quality of velvets to cheap drills and delicate laces. The combined lightness and toughness of the fiber render it peculiarly suitable for tents and ship canvas, and three-fifths more cloth of equal strength can be produced from rhea than from the same weight of linen—that is, 1,000 yards of rhea canvas weighs only as much as 600 yards of linen, its durability and resisting power to strain being also much greater.

He Knew a Thing or Two.

Sir Charles Gavan Duffy, a former premier of the Australian colony of Victoria, was once made the object of a peculiar embarrassment. A man on a public occasion presented himself to Sir Charles, who had been appointed to some petty government office after a campaign in which there had been questionable electoral practices.

"I suppose," said Sir Charles, "that you are one of my supporters?"

"Three of them," answered the man, with a wink that was impossible to misunderstand.—Pearson's Weekly.

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DR. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER
MOST PERFECT MADE.
A pure Grape Cream of Tartar Powder. Free from Ammonia, Alum or any other adulterant.
40 Years the Standard.

DILAPIDATED BUILDING.

St. Joseph People Sorry It Didn't Burn Down Today.

This morning the St. Joseph fire department was called out to extinguish a blaze in a dilapidated and fallen down shanty located on Church street and owned by Dr. Parker. The firemen saved the building much to the disappointment of the citizens who reside in the vicinity. The building, it is alleged, has been the rendezvous for tramps and other questionable characters and is anything but an ornament to the streets. The shanty, it is thought, was fired by tramps this morning.

DAMAGE PROCEEDINGS.

Instituted by Gore & Harvey Against the Williams Transportation Co.

Attorneys Gore and Harvey have been retained in an action for heavy damages brought against the Williams transportation company by friends of the victims of the fatal fire aboard the steamer, City of Kalamazoo, which burned to the water's edge in the harbor at South Haven on the night of December 30, last.

Mrs. Joseph Lang of Covert, whose husband was found in the hold of the vessel burned to a crisp, and Levi Gowens, also a resident of Covert, whose daughter, Miss Rosa, stewardess on the boat, was taken from the river into which she leaped to escape the flames, are the plaintiffs in the damage suits.

Gross negligence is charged against the transportation company in not providing a watchman on board the boat, a requirement demanded of vessel owners under circumstances as in the case of the City of Kalamazoo when the crew is all aboard and a fire is kept burning.

THE HOSPITAL FUND.

It Is Growing With Flattering Rapidity.

The hospital fund is growing steadily and all doubt as to the ability of the projectors to raise the required $10,000 is dissipated. The subscription list now contains $1,700 subscribed as follows:

A. Plummer	$100
G. M. Bell	$100
Edward Brant	$100
John Bell	$100
J. S. Morton	$100
J. C. Bostick	$100
Frank P. Graves	$100
W. C. Hastar	$100
E. H. Ferguson	$100
A. A. Patterson	$100
Mrs. C. H. Porter	$100
C. H. Porter	$100
Milton Hinkley	$100
John T. Owens	$100
H. A. Tutton	$100
H. R. Huntington	$100
Evening News	$100

A general committee has been appointed to push the work forward composed as follows: A. Plummer, John Bell, J. T. Owens, S. A. Bailey, G. M. Bell, J. S. Morton, Dr. Tutton and James McDonald.

NEWS OF THE STATE

Berrien and Cass counties have the youngest county clerks in the state. Mr. Needham of Berrien is 26 and Mr. Ely of Cass is 27 years of age.

Some time ago a license was granted to a Niles widow, aged 50, and a young man not yet 30. The wedding has been postponed three times, the groom-elect losing his nerve at the critical juncture.

Col. A. T. Bliss of Saginaw is operating two lumber camps, near Coleman and expects to put in 5,000,000 feet of logs this winter.

The Grand Rapids board of health is going to start a crusade against those who expectorate in public.

The insurance war which has waged in Kalamazoo for months is over, the agents having agreed to restore and maintain rates.

A Kalamazoo attorney claims that counties have no legal right to make prisoners pound stone and proposes to take a test case to the Supreme Court.

The Calumet & Hecla Mining Company will give free hospital and club privileges to employes during 1897. The men will be assessed as formerly.

As a result of the Baird-Kerr legislative contests other Saginaw county defeated candidates threaten to institute proceedings to unseat their opponents.

STREET CAR AND CUTTER.

They Collide on Pipestone Street Late Last Night.

Last night shortly before 11 o'clock "Matt" Yore was driving up Pipestone street in a cutter and when in front of Miller's meat market a street car overtook him and before he could get out of the track the car struck the cutter throwing Mr. Yore and a companion in the snow. The cutter was sadly demolished and Mr. Yore who was unable to procure another to pursue his way home was compelled to stay in town all night. Mr. Yore received several severe bruises but no material damage was done save the cutter which is a complete wreck.

We have given John Schairer the agency in Benton Harbor for our Barley Malt Whiskey. Distilled from malted barley it is rich and nutritious, and free from all impurity. For the sick and feeble it is a true tonic.
E. H. Gram & Co., Distillers, Louisville, Ky

STORY OF THE SLANDER SUIT.

Temptations Placed in the Way of William Livingston.

The action for $10,000 damages instituted by William G. Livingston against Walter T. Bradford, cashier of the commercial state bank at St. Joseph, noticed in yesterday's EVENING NEWS, has caused considerable comment.

Livingston is a minor and commences suit by his father. He alleges that his reputation has been greatly injured by slanderous insinuations passed by Bradford while the plaintiff was occupied as a clerk in the bank of which the defendant is cashier. Livingston has held a position with the bank for a long time and according to the information conveyed by the bank officials to the boy's father was considered a very faithful employe.

Last Saturday when the bank closed its business for the week a shortage was discovered in the cash account and Cashier Bradford, it is alleged, intimated that Livingston was responsible for the shortage. He approached Livingston, it is said, with the request that he make a confession and he (Bradford) would lay the case before the board of directors.

Livingston replied that he had no confession to make whereupon the cashier ordered him out of the bank with the command to not return. The bank officials, to test the boy's honor, had on several occasions placed silver quarters and half-dollars under the waste basket and under other articles of furniture which the boy would have occasion to move when he swept the office in the morning. The money, the bank officials allege, was never returned to them and they therefore had reason to doubt the boy's integrity.

BAPTIZED A JAPANESE.

Happy Experience of Rev. L. C. Barnes, Well Known Here.

Rev. Lemuel Call Barnes, pastor of the Fourth Avenue Baptist church of Pittsburg, a son of L. M. Barnes of this city, recently baptized a Japanese, and on the same occasion the Chinese Bible school rendered a gospel song in their own tongue. In the week following the baptism the Japanese brother wrote a letter to Pastor Barnes in which poor spelling and poor English is overcome by the spirit which pervades it.

Following is an extract from the letter which was printed and then reprinted in the Commonwealth, the well known Baptist family paper:

"First of all I announce that I will never forget through my life when, in where, and by whom I was baptized and received Jesus, unvisible figure of three combination Eight of November, 1896, Fourth Avenue Baptist church in Pittsburg, Pa., U. S. A. and Pastor Lemuel Call Barnes—was stamped in my brain deeply and strictly, that will remain til my death moment.

"At last Sunday before I steped into the water I felt somewhat anxious, without having any special thought, and emotion was unusual; at the time of baptism I was almost unconscious, I might say, that at physical feeling I did not know which in water or in fire—hot or cold—and at spiritual feeling I had no chance to think any thing about but filled with joy and fear."

The Japanese goes on to tell of his new joy and declares that "life is worth living."

Rev. Lemuel Call Barnes is one of the most progressive pastors in Pittsburg.

Notice

Have left all outstanding accounts with O. S. Chapman for collection. Those not finding Mr. Chapman can pay to Frank Barr at Baker's hardware store.

DON WENTWORTH.

"One touch of nature makes the whole world kin," and one taste of Bird's candy makes a man feel at ease with himself and his mother-n-law. Bird always keeps the best.

Rates to the Inauguration.

On account of the inauguration the Big Four will sell special excursion tickets to Washington, good going March 1, 2 and 3, and leaving Washington not earlier than March 4 and not later than March 8, inclusive, at one first class fare for the round trip.

L. G. SMITH, Agent.

The City Steam laundry does more work than all other laundries in Berrien county combined. It is fine work that has built up the trade.

WILL NOT SUFFER.

Over a Half Hundred Poor in Benton Harbor Relieved Today.

Over 60 sufferers will feel the kindly hand of charity before the noble women and men who are assembled at the G. A. R. hall this afternoon, assisting Poormaster Rowe in distributing the contributions for the poor, shall have closed their labors.

Teams loaded down with provisions and clothing have stopped at the door of poor homes and to the wan, pinch-faced occupants delivered bread to feed their hungry stomachs, shoes to clothe their bare feet and warm clothing to protect them from the cold.

There was never a more generous response to the call for aid for the poor of this city than has been witnessed this winter. Long tables piled high with shoes, hats, dresses, coats, vests and pants appear at the depot of supplies in the G. A. R. hall, and between 25 and 30 women have been occupied all day is repairing the rents and placing the garments in a condition for use by the poor.

DEBT FOURTEEN MILLIONS BIGGER.

Partly Accounted for by the Redemption of Pacific Railway Bonds.

Washington, Feb. 2.—The statement of the public debt shows the debt, less cash in the treasury on Jan. 31 to have been $1,097,008,317, an increase for the month of $14,078,735. This increase is accounted for by the redemption of $9,586,000 in matured Pacific railroad bonds which will be held as a debt against the company, and the interest payments for the month, which amounted to $6,764,036—which reduced the cash in the treasury that much. The debt proper, independent of the cash on hand, was increased during the month by $2,120,776, which is chargeable to the increase in the amount of national bank notes outstanding.

The debt is classified as follows: Interest bearing debt, $847,364,750; debt on which interest has ceased since maturity, $1,362,930; debt bearing no interest, $374,675,657; total, $1,223,370,737. The cash is classified as follows: Gold, $182,397,121; silver, $513,736,348; paper, $144,482,197; bonds, disbursing officers' balances, etc., $17,938,241; total, $858,553,910, against which there are demand liabilities outstanding amounting to $643,191,499, which leaves a net cash balance in the treasury of $215,362,420.

Washington, Feb. 2.—The comparative statement of the government receipts and expenditures shows the total receipts during January to have been $24,316,394, and the expenditures $30,269,389. This leaves a deficit for the month of $5,952,395, and for the seven months of the present fiscal year a deficit of $43,854,792. The deficit for the same seven months of last year was $18,686,377.

People with hair that is continually falling out, or those that are bald, can stop the falling, and get a good growth of hair by using Hall's Hair Renewer.

Q. What is sweeter than life? Ans. A box of Bird's candy. Bird always keeps the best.

Have you tried Moebs' Pro Patria cigars? Worth 10c, sold for 5c. Stamped Pro Patria. A cool, sweet, satisfying smoke. George Moebs & Co., manufacturers, Detroit.

Hall & Nichols have their new long distance telephone in operation

O! for a lodge in some vast wilderness where I can be alone with a box of Bird's fine candies Bird always sells the best.

Have you got good teeth? Stick them into Bird's fine taffy. Bird always sells the best.

For the next 60 days C. R. Hollis & Son will sell their entire stock at actual cost before buying spring goods. 52G387

"Now good digestion wait on appetite and health on both." Use Washburn's Gold Medal flour—all good grocers sell it. 156tf

Lister's Bone Meal.

The season for bone meal is at hand. For Joseph Lister's celebrated meal orders may be left with P. Bochm, Benton Harbor.
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Cleveland's BAKING POWDER
A pure cream of tartar powder. No alum, no adulteration.

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For New Year's
We are prepared to assist you in your wants in the way of

Fancy Slippers, Shoes, etc.
For Ladies and Gents.
Fine Neckwear, Hosiery, Gloves and Mittens, Hats and caps, Silk and Wool Mufflers, Fine Traveling Bags, Trunks, etc. Our stock of clothing and overcoats is exceptionally large and complete, and our boots, shoes and rubbers are always right.
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We Are the Bargain Leaders All the Time
SEE OUR SPECIALS FOR ONE DAY ONLY.
Wednesday, FEBRUARY 3
Lonsdale or Fruit of Loom Muslin 15 Yards $1.
We will offer window shades in opaque cloth, 6 feet long, fixtures and all complete, choice of colors, at 19c each.
Also our entire choice of felt shades choice this date, 10 cents each.
GROCERIES
12 lbs pure buckwheat, 25c.
12 lbs oatmeal, 25c.
12½ lbs Corn meal, 12c a sack.
Armour's family lard, 6c a lb.
Armour's picnic hams, 6c a lb.
Until April 1 we close at 6:30 p. m.

Genuine Reduction Sale
Having more goods than money we are awful anxious to exchange. In order to do so we expect to sacrifice. But that cuts no figure
Goods Must Move
FOR THE NEXT 30 DAYS
Purchasers of Dry Goods, Gloves, Hosiery, Underwear, Blankets, Cloaks and Millinery can save money by trading with us. Profits more than knocked off on everything. Some things less than half price.
ENTERPRISE MERCANTILE CO.
SUCCESSOR TO F. G. WARREN
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Sale of Seconds
UNDERWEAR
A lot of seconds of ladies' and children's underwear of a well known mill and placed on the market at about 75 cents on the dollar from wholesale. This lot is as follows:
18 Ladies' Combination Suits at
42 Ladies' Vests and Pants at
60 Ladies' Vests and Pants at
24 Children's Combination Suits at
33 Ladies' Vests and Pants at
60 Misses' Vests and Pants,
48 Children's Vests and Pants,
Also about 12 dozen left of the lot of men's shirts and drawers advertised before at 27c.
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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1897.

If the hero worship continues Niles will lose Mr. Mittan as a resident. Some enterprising city will offer that popular gentleman a bonus to locate in its midst.

If the ground hog's shadow doesn't have any worse effect on the weather than it had last year, the Graham & Morton company can send home the Duluth and Jay Gould, and put out their summer palace steamers.

THE German Lloyd steamship company is trying in every way to influence congress against the bill which looks toward the restriction of immigration. Senator Lodge is making a gallant fight against this foreign company directing the course of congress.

AT the present time there are several residents of Benton Harbor either on their way or contemplating going to Virginia to live. These people want to better their condition. They have lived in Benton Harbor during the city's dullest period, and it is too bad that having weathered the darkness of the night they should leave just as the light of new prosperity is breaking. With its new railroads, which are certain, with its new industries which cannot fail to materilize, no town in Virginia has anything in store for its people like that offered by Benton Harbor.

MORGAN IS AGAIN BAFFLED.

Cannot Make Progress on the Nicaragua Canal Bill—House Proceedings.

Washington, Feb. 2.—The Nicaragua bill occupied the attention of the senate most of yesterday, but no progress was made toward a final vote. Morgan, in charge of the measure, sought to secure an agreement for a vote today or Thursday, but the opponents of the measure, led by Vilas and Daniel, resisted any agreement. While disclaiming any purpose of obstruction or filibustering against the bill the opposition insisted that it was of such grave moment as to demand complete discussion. Vilas was appealed to from many quarters, and replying said the opposition was inspired by no personal motives, but regarded it as a grave public duty that the recklessness of the canal project should be elaborately presented to the senate and the country. He was speaking at adjournment.

The house had a busy day. An unusually large number of bills were passed, but few of them were of any considerable importance. It was suspension day, and the usual obstructive tactics were unavailing. The bills passed included a bill to reimburse the heirs of Albert Augustine, of Rose Hill, Ia., in the sum of $350 for two cows destroyed in the Cayuse war of 1848. About 4:30 p. m. the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill was taken up and fair progress made before the hour of adjournment.

Report on Sanguilly's Case.

Washington, Feb. 2.—Julio Sanguilly, a citizen of the United States who has been condemned by Spanish authorities to perpetual imprisonment in chains in Cuba, was the subject of a letter and correspondence sent by the president to the senate yesterday. The report says that representations have been made to the Spanish government, which it is believed will not be without effect, that the case seems to be one in which executive clemency may be reasonably exercised. Consul General Williams says in one letter that the captain general of Cuba evinced displeasure when he learned that Sanguilly had been recognized as an American citizen by both governments, saying that Americans were conspiring against Spain in the United States and he would shoot every one found with arms in his hands against the government of the island regardless of the consequences.

RAILWAY TIME CARDS.

CHICAGO & WEST MICHIGAN RAILWAY
In effect Sept 27, 1896.

Going South			Stations.	Going North		
a.m.	p.m.	p.m.		p.m.	p.m.	a.m.
8:30	1:25	11:50	Grand Rapids	1:25	10:30	5:0
11:55	3:50	2:25	Benton Harbor	10:30	8:00	3:0
12:05	3:57	2:45	St. Joseph	10:20	7:53	2:45
3:00	6:50	6:30	Chicago	7:20	5:00	11:30
p.m.	p.m.	a.m.		a.m.	p.m.	p.m.

GEO. DERAVEN, Gen. Pass. Agt., Grand Rapids.
JAS. MAHONEY, Agt., Benton Harbor.

DETROIT, GD. RAPIDS & WESTERN R. R.

Trains leave Grand Rapids for Lansing and Detroit at 7:00 a. m., 1:30 p. m. and 5:25 p. m. For Saginaw at 7:10 a. m. and 4:20 p. m.
Parlor cars on all trains; seats 25 cents.

VANDALIA LINE.

Taking effect January, 18th, 1897, trains will leave St. Joseph, Mich., daily except Sunday as follows:

Northbound Trains. No. 14.	No. 6.	Stations.	Southbound Trains. No. 11.	No. 15.
a. m.	p. m.		a. m.	p. m.
9 40	2 15	Ar. St. Joseph Lv.	10 45	5 20
9 17	1 51	Bangs	11 08	5 43
8 56	1 30	Galien	11 23	6 03
8 20	12 53	South Bend	12 04	6 41
7 32	12 05	Plymouth	12 55	7 29
6 05	10 37	Logansport	2 18	8 58
a. m.	6 30	Terre Haute	6 20	p. m.
	7 10	Indianapolis	5 45	
	3 20	Lv. Cincinnati Ar.	9 45	
	a. m.		p. m.	

For complete time card giving all trains and stations, and for full information as to rates, through cars, etc., address

FRANK R. HALK, Agent, St. Joseph, Mich. E. A. FORD, Gen. Pass. Agt., St. Louis, Mo.

C. C. C. & ST. L. RAILWAY.
MICHIGAN DIVISION.

No. 23 leaves Benton Harbor at 7:00 a. m. for Indianapolis, Louisville, Cincinnati and intermediate points. No. 25 leaves at 1:00 p. m. for Indianapolis, Louisville, Cincinnati and intermediate points. No. 27 leaves at 5:00 p. m. Elkhart accommodation. Arrive at Benton Harbor: No. 23, 8:50 a. m. No. 22, 3:10 p. m. No 26, 6:40.

TAMA JIM IS CHOSEN

Major McKinley Gets His Secretary of Agriculture from the Hawkeye State.

JAMES WILSON IS HONORED.

Charles G. Dawes Will Succeed Eckles as Comptroller of the Currency.

Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 2.—Ex-Representative James Wilson, ("Tama Jim"), of Iowa, announced last night his acceptance of the cabinet portfolio recently tendered him by President-Elect McKinley. To a representative of the Associated Press Wilson said: "It is true that I have been invited into President McKinley's cabinet, and I have accepted, and that is all there is to say about the matter." It is generally known that Wilson will be secretary of agriculture, he having wired to Senator Allison yesterday that that portfolio had been offered and accepted.

James Wilson was born Aug. 16, 1835, in Ayreshire, Scotland, of parents belonging to the farming class of the population. His parents emigrated to Connecticut in the spring of 1852, and began farming in the vicinity of Norwich. They came to Iowa in the fall of 1856, buying government land in Tama county. James is the oldest of a family of fourteen children—seven boys and seven girls. His father, John Wilson, was a stock farmer, and began at an early day to fatten stock for the eastern market. The family pursued diversified farming from the beginning, having the dairy feature prominent from the beginning as well as that of meat-making.

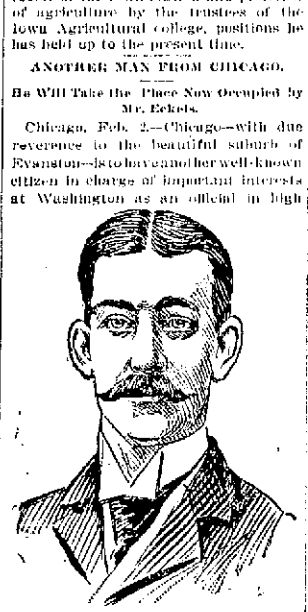
His Entrance Into Politics.

James was sent to the Twelfth general assembly to get the stock acts enacted, changing the custom of permitting stock to run at large. He was reelected to the Thirteenth and Fourteenth general assemblies, being speaker of the house in the last assembly in which he served. The code of 1873 was enacted while he presided. He was elected to the Forty-third congress during his last term in the house and was reelected to the Fourty-fourth congress. He retired at the end of his second term to his farm, where he was appointed by Governor Sherman a member of the railroad commission. After serving one year he resigned to take his seat in the Forty-eighth congress. At the end of this congress he again retired to his farm, when several editors of country papers arranged with him to write weekly letters for their papers, which he has continued to do until the present time. In 1891 he was elected director of the Iowa station and professor of agriculture by the trustees of the Iowa Agricultural college, positions he has held up to the present time.

ANOTHER MAN FROM CHICAGO.

He Will Take the Place Now Occupied by Mr. Eckels.

Chicago, Feb. 2.—Chicago—with due reverence to the beautiful suburb of Evanston—is to have another well-known citizen in charge of important interests at Washington as an official in high



CHARLES G. DAWES.

position. Charles G. Dawes will not be a member of the cabinet, but is to go in as comptroller of the currency. He has owned-up—admits that the office has been offered him and that he has accepted it. Dawes was a member of the Republican national committee and did much active work for Major McKinley during the recent campaign. He is the author of a work on banking and the relations of currency and banking to trade. Although a young man he has been prominent in business enterprises for the last ten years. He is a lawyer by profession and formerly lived in Lincoln, Neb., where he was a near neighbor of William Jennings Bryan. Mr. Dawes was one of the men known as "original McKinley men."

He is also an Ohio man. Charles G. Dawes was born in Marietta, O., Aug. 27, 1865, and was graduated from Marietta college in 1884 and from the Cincinnati law school in 1886. In 1887 he left Ohio for Lincoln, Neb., where he became prominent as a lawyer and business man. He was a leader in the discussions of the freight schedules of Nebraska, about the time of and after the passage of the interstate commerce law. He was also a student of financial questions, and in 1894 published a book entitled "The Banking System of the United States and Its Relations to the Money and Business of the Country." He has been for many years a national bank director. In 1889 he married Miss Caro D. Blymyer, of Cincinnati, and has two children. He is the son of General R. E. Dawes, of Marietta, O., who was one of the commanders of the Iron Brigade in the late war, and is a great grandson of Manasch Cutler, one of the founders of Ohio.

OTHER TIMBER FOR THE CABINET.

John D. Long for the Navy—Place for New York To Be Made.

Washington, Feb. 2.—It is understood among Massachusetts Republicans in congress that John D. Long, of the Old Bay State, has been tendered and has accepted the office of secretary of the navy in the incoming administration. A dispatch from Long's home says, however, that he refuses to confirm the statement.

San Francisco, Feb. 2.—In local political circles there is now little doubt that Judge Joseph McKenna, of the United States circuit court, will be the coast representative in McKinley's cabinet. It is known among McKenna's personal friends that the judge has recently been closing up somewhat hurriedly his private business interests, alleging as a reason that he would be absent from the state for a number of years.

St. Louis, Feb. 2.—A special to The Republic from New York says: "Information has been received by members of the chamber of commerce of New York that President-elect McKinley will solve the cabinet question as it relates to this state by having a department of trade and commerce created early in his administration, and then placing a New Yorker at the head of it.

JULIAN WANTED IT FIXED.

Specimen of the Morals of an Officer of Kansas City.

Kansas City, Feb. 2.—Before the Lexow committee yesterday Attorney Lowe told the details of a conversation between himself and Chief of Police Henry E. Julian. When asked on the stand if he has at any time held a conversation with Julian which could be construed into a corrupt proposition Lowe said: "Yes. It was two or three days after his appointment as chief, that he said: 'Frank, we have the best offices in the county, let's agree on a policy and work together. This talk of running people out of town is all rot. We should have a policy and work together. We should fix ourselves. Keep this between us.'

"I said: 'Henry, you run your own office and I'll run mine.'" There was great excitement in the room when Lowe finished his testimony. The witness was cross-examined, but failed to be moved. It was Lowe's original repetition of the above conversation which caused the legislature to appoint a committee to investigate police corruption. During this sensation Chief Julian was among the spectators.

ROCKEFELLER DON'T HAVE TO PAY.

Church Wanted Him to Guarantee Interest on a Gift of Bonds.

New York, Feb. 2.—Judge Pryor has handed down a decision in favor of John D. Rockefeller, dismissing the suit brought against him by the Baptist Tabernacle church to compel the performance of an alleged contract by the terms of which Rockefeller was to deposit $50,000 of 5 per cent. bonds with a trustee, the interest to be applied for the benefit of the church. The bonds were deposited by Rockefeller as required, but after they had paid interest for thirteen months the railroad company that issued them defaulted in the payment of the interest, and since then the church has received nothing. Rev. Dr. D. C. Potter, on behalf of the church, sued to compel Rockefeller to pay about $9,000 interest which had accrued on the bonds, and make good the alleged agreement.

Live Stock Business Improving.

Chicago, Feb. 2.—The annual investigation of the Orange Judd Farmer indicates that the turning point in the long and serious depression of the live stock industry has been passed. Between 1892 and 1896 the depreciation in this form of rural wealth amounted to $525,000,000, or 25 per cent. But returns this year, for the first time since the decline began showed an increase in aggregate value during the past twelve months, the net being $1,887,000. But for a further decline in the values of horses the showing for the year would have been much more gratifying.

Revival of Car Building.

Dayton, O., Feb. 2.—Car building shows signs of revival here. Six hundred men are at work at the shops on a full equipment for the Kansas City, Pittsburg and Gulf railroad, thirty summer cars for the Peoples' Street railway of this city and several cars for the Miami Valley Traction company.

Frances Joseph to Visit the Czar.

London, Feb. 2.—A special from Vienna says that Emperor Franz Josef has decided to accompany Count Gołuchowski, minister of foreign affairs, upon the occasion of the visit of the emperor to the czar at St. Petersburg next April.

ABBREVIATED TELEGRAMS.

One of Sacramento's representatives in the California legislature has five indictments hanging over him for felony.

Governor Tanner, of Illinois, issued a requisition upon the governor of Texas for the extradition of Martin L. Jordan, under arrest at Corpus Christi, Tex., and wanted at Carmi, Ills., for arson.

Chicago north side robbers are once more at work. A bandit visited the drug store of Emil Zabel, 506 Wells street, and under the persuasive influence of two revolvers induced the owner to separate himself from $20.

Captain Zalinski, the famous dynamite gun inventor, who is now on the retired list, is in Washington in pursuit of his fad, which is military instruction in the public schools.

One of the most daredevil feats of the Cuban war is reported from the Pinar del Rio section, via Key West, it being an attempt to abduct Colonel San Martin from his camp, the Texan "Lone Star company" being the heroes.

William A. Cunning, who killed Mrs. Mary Denning and then himself, is dead at Chicago.

Canadian cattle dealers believe, through the favorable arrangements made by the Dominion authorities of the raising of the forty-days' quarantine on Canadian cattle going into the United States, they will be able to build up a valuable export trade.

The steamship State of Georgia is given up for lost at St. Johns, Nd. She has probably foundered with all on board.

Mrs. Albert Siszaka, of Chicago, was asphyxiated by coal gas Sunday night. Her husband was also overcome, and although still alive there is no hope for his recovery. Gas escaped from a small coal stove in a corner of their bed room.

Professor Brooks, director of Smith observatory, at Geneva, N. Y., announces that the great sun spot of January has again come into view and can now be seen with the naked eye through a smoked glass.

Sims Reeves, the famous English singer who recently married a young wife, and returned to the stage, has been declared a bankrupt at London.

Cut Open in Vain.

Doctors Couldn't Tell What Was the Matter Even Then.

THIS CASE BAFFLED THE EXPERTS—HEZEKIAH VAUGHAN'S SUFFERINGS WERE RELIEVED FINALLY BY A BOX OF DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 25—Heroic was the fortitude of Hezekiah Vaughan who lay on a surgeon's operating table in Harper's Hospital, this city, while doctors cut him open and took his entrails out and laid them on the table to discover what was the trouble with them.

Students gathered about the clinical demonstration, but were not edified by hearing the truth told, for none of the eminent surgeons were able to diagnose the case, even after they had made Vaughan look like the man in the front of the almanac.

Vaughan was sewed up again, and remained convalescing in the hospital for five weeks, leaving at the end of that time but little improved.

"It was some time after this,", said Mr. Vaughan, "that I heard of the wonderful effect made upon my neighbor, Mr. Sherman Buchanan who from being next to death's door, was able to attend to farm work, wholly through the benefit of DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS. I decided to try them, and forthwith commenced their use."

"For the first four days, of course, little effect was produced, but I gradually began to feel the action of the medicine, and by the time I had used up the first box, I felt they were doing me a world of good. I kept on taking them regularly, and from day to day I noticed rapid changes for the better. My bowels became regular, my bloating subsided, all pain in my back left me, and renewed health and vitality permeated my whole system.

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Discouragement for Imitators.

Washington, Feb. 2.—Under the treaty with Japan, proclaimed March 21, 1895, which does not, however, go into effect until July 17, 1899, there is an article granting the citizens of either country the same protection as native citizens in regard to patents, trade-marks and designs upon fulfillment of the formalities of law. Since that treaty was negotiated the Japanese have imitated American manufacturers, using trade marks and other individual designs, and imported such goods into this country at prices below those at which the same goods can be made here. Business men have negotiated a brief treaty which makes article XIV. of this treaty go into force and effect at once. The senate committee of foreign affairs Saturday afternoon ordered a favorable report to be made on this treaty, and it will probably be ratified at once.

No Wine for the Populace.

Washington, Feb. 2.—The committee having in charge the inaugural banquet has decided that no wine will be served to the general public. There will be no wine list in connection with the menu card, from which orders can be given, even at an additional charge. The only wines used on the occasion will be supplied by Carl G. Essner, the caterer, to his personal guests. He will serve a private complimentary dinner to the president, his cabinet-elect, and such other guests as may be invited.

Queen Lil Calls on Mrs. Cleveland.

Washington, Feb. 2.—Ex-Queen Liliuokalani paid a visit to Mrs. Cleveland yesterday afternoon. She sent a note to Mrs. Cleveland Sunday asking the privilege of calling upon her. As she had been prevented from meeting Liliuokalani by reason of her absence upon the occasion of her call upon the president, Mrs. Cleveland assented to the request. Accordingly the ex-queen went to the White House about a quarter to 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

New Bank for Illinois.

Washington, Feb. 2.—The comptroller of the currency has issued authority for the organization of the First National bank of Edwardsville, Ills. Capital $50,000.

Senate Gets The Alaskan Treaty.

Washington, Feb. 2.—The new treaty relative to the Alaskan boundary was sent to the senate yesterday and examined by a number of senators.

Funeral of Gen. J. E. Smith.

Galena, Ills., Feb. 2.—The funeral of General John E. Smith, U. S. A., who died in Chicago, was held here yesterday. The services were in accordance with the Protestant Episcopal ritual, in Grace church, Rev. S. J. Yundt in charge. Masonic bodies and Union soldiers in a body attended.

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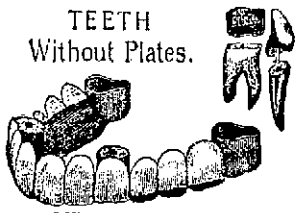

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If the ground hog's shadow doesn't have any worse effect on the weather than it had last year, the Graham & Morton company can send home the Duluth and Jay Gould, and put out their summer palace steamers.

The German Lloyd steamship company is trying in every way to influence congress against the bill which looks toward the restriction of immigration. Senator Lodge is making a gallant fight against this foreign company directing the course of congress.

At the present time there are several residents of Benton Harbor either on their way or contemplating going to Virginia to live. These people want to better their condition. They have lived in Benton Harbor during the city's dullest period, and it is too bad that having weathered the darkness of the night they should leave just as the light of new prosperity is breaking. With its new railroads, which are certain, with its new industries which cannot fail to materilize, no town in Virginia has anything in store for its people like that offered by Benton Harbor.

MORGAN IS AGAIN BAFFLED.

Cannot Make Progress on the Nicaragua Canal Bill—House Proceedings.

Washington, Feb. 2.—The Nicaragua bill occupied the attention of the senate most of yesterday, but no progress was made toward a final vote. Morgan, in charge of the measure, sought to secure an agreement for a vote today or Thursday, but the opponents of the measure, led by Vilas and Daniel, resisted any agreement. While disclaiming any purpose of obstruction or filibustering against the bill the opposition insisted that it was of such grave moment as to demand complete discussion. Vilas was appealed to from many quarters, and replying said the opposition was inspired by no personal motives, but regarded it as a grave public duty that the recklessness of the canal project should be elaborately presented to the senate and the country. He was speaking at adjournment.

The house had a busy day. An unusually large number of bills were passed, but few of them were of any considerable importance. It was suspension day, and the usual obstructive tactics were unavailing. The bills passed included a bill to reimburse the heirs of Albert Augustine, of Rose Hill, Ia., in the sum of $350 for two cows destroyed in the Cayuse war of 1848. About 4:30 p. m. the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill was taken up and fair progress made before the hour of adjournment.

Report on Sanguilly's Case.

Washington, Feb. 2.—Julio Sanguilly, a citizen of the United States who has been condemned by Spanish authorities to perpetual imprisonment in chains in Cuba, was the subject of a letter and correspondence sent by the president to the senate yesterday. The report says that representations have been made to the Spanish government, which it is believed will not be without effect, that the case seems to be one in which executive clemency may be reasonably exercised. Consul General Williams says in one letter that the captain general of Cuba evinced displeasure when he learned that Sanguilly had been recognized as an American citizen by both governments, saying that Americans were conspiring against Spain in the United States and he would shoot every one found with arms in his hands against the government of the island regardless of the consequences.

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TAMA JIM IS CHOSEN

Major McKinley Gets His Secretary of Agriculture from the Hawkeye State.

JAMES WILSON IS HONORED.

Charles G. Dawes Will Succeed Eckles as Comptroller of the Currency.

Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 2.—Ex-Representative James Wilson, ("Tama Jim"), of Iowa, announced last night his acceptance of the cabinet portfolio recently tendered him by President-Elect McKinley. To a representative of the Associated Press Wilson said: "It is true that I have been invited into President McKinley's cabinet, and I have accepted, and that is all there is to say about the matter." It is generally known that Wilson will be secretary of agriculture, he having wired to Senator Allison yesterday that that portfolio had been offered and accepted.

James Wilson was born Aug. 16, 1835, in Ayreshire, Scotland, of parents belonging to the farming class of the population. His parents emigrated to Conecticut in the spring of 1852, and began farming in the vicinity of Norwich. They came to Iowa in the fall of 1856, buying government land in Tama county. James is the oldest of a family of fourteen children—seven boys and seven girls. His father, John Wilson, was a stock farmer, and began at an early day to fatten stock for the eastern market. The family pursued diversified farming from the beginning, having the dairy feature prominent from the beginning as well as that of meat-making.

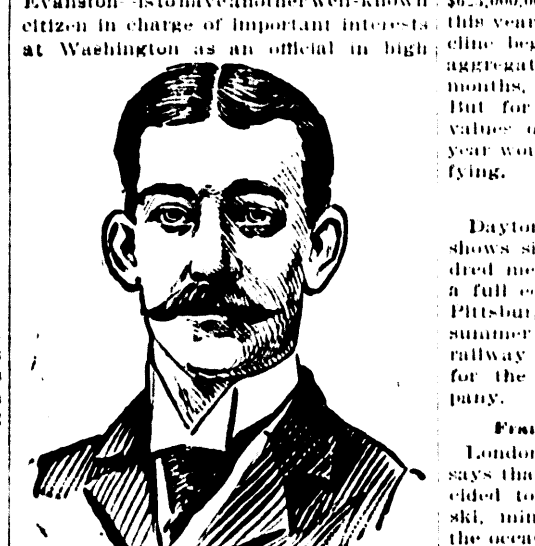
His Entrance Into Politics.

James was sent to the Twelfth general asembly to get the stock acts enacted, changing the custom of permitting stock to run at large. He was reelected to the Thirteenth and Fourteenth general asemblies, being speaker of the house in the last assembly in which he served. The code of 1873 was enacted while he presided. He was elected to the Forty-third congress during his last term in the house and was re-elected to the Fourty-fourth congress. He retired at the end of his second term to his farm, where he was appointed by Governor Sherman a member of the railroad commission. After serving one year he resigned to take his seat in the Forty-eighth congress. At the end of this congress he again retired to his farm, when several editors of country papers arranged with him to write weekly letters for their papers, which he has continued to do until the present time. In 1891 he was elected director of the Iowa station and professor of agriculture by the trustees of the Iowa Agricultural college, positions he has held up to the present time.

ANOTHER MAN FROM CHICAGO.

He Will Take the Place Now Occupied by Mr. Eckels.

Chicago, Feb. 2.—Chicago—with due reverence to the beautiful suburb of Evanston—is to have another well-known citizen in charge of important interests at Washington as an official in high



CHARLES G. DAWES.

position. Charles G. Dawes will not be a member of the cabinet, but is to go in as comptroller of the currency. He has owned-up—admits that the office has been offered him and that he has accepted it. Dawes was a member of the Republican national committee and did much active work for Major McKinley during the recent campaign. He is the author of a work on banking and the relations of currency and banking to trade. Although a young man he has been prominent in business enterprises for the last ten years. He is a lawyer by profession and formerly lived in Lincoln, Neb., where he was a near neighbor of William Jennings Bryan. Mr. Dawes was one of the men known as "original McKinley men."

He is also an Ohio man. Charles D. Dawes was born in Marietta, O., Aug. 27, 1865, and was graduated from Marietta college in 1884 and from the Cincinnati law school in 1886. In 1887 he left Ohio for Lincoln, Neb., where he became prominent as a lawyer and business man. He was a leader in the discussions of the freight schedules of Nebraska, about the time of and after the passage of the interstate commerce law. He was also a student of financial questions, and in 1894 published a book entitled "The Banking System of the United States and Its Relations to the Money and Business of the Country." He has been for many years a national bank director. In 1889 he married Miss Caro D. Blymyer, of Cincinnati, and has two children. He is the son of General R. E. Dawes, of Marietta, O., who was one of the commanders of the Iron Brigade in the late war, and is a great grandson of Manaseh Cutler, one of the founders of Ohio.

OTHER TIMBER FOR THE CABINET.

John D. Long for the Navy—Place for New York To Be Made.

Washington, Feb. 2.—It is understood among Massachusetts Republicans in congress that John D. Long, of the Old Bay State, has been tendered and has accepted the office of secretary of the navy in the incoming administration. A dispatch from Long's home says, however, that he refuses to confirm the statement.

San Francisco, Feb. 2.—In local political circles there is now little doubt that Judge Joseph McKenna, of the United States circuit court, will be the coast representative in McKinley's cabinet. It is known among McKenna's personal friends that the judge has recently been closing up somewhat hurriedly his private business interests, alleging as a reason that he would be absent from the state for a number of years.

St. Louis, Feb. 2.—A special to The Republic from New York says: "Information has been received by members of the chamber of commerce of New York that President-elect McKinley will solve the cabinet question as it relates to this state by having a department of trade and commerce created early in his administration, and then placing a New Yorker at the head of it.

JULIAN WANTED IT FIXED.

Specimen of the Morals of an Officer of Kansas City.

Kansas City, Feb. 2.—Before the Lexow committee yesterday Attorney Lowe told the details of a conversation between himself and Chief of Police Henry E. Julian. When asked on the stand if he has at any time held a conversation with Julian which could be construed into a corrupt proposition Lowe said: "Yes. It was two or three days after his appointment as chief, that he said: 'Frank, we have the best offices in the county, let's agree on a policy and work together. This talk of running people out of town is all rot. We should have a policy and work together. We should fix ourselves. Keep this between us.'

"I said: 'Henry, you run your own office and I'll run mine.'" There was great excitement in the room when Lowe finished his testimony. The witness was cross-examined, but failed to be moved. It was Lowe's original repetition of the above conversation which caused the legislature to appoint a committee to investigate police corruption. During this sensation Chief Julian was among the spectators.

ROCKEFELLER DON'T HAVE TO PAY.

Church Wanted Him to Guarantee Interest on a Gift of Bonds.

New York, Feb. 2.—Judge Pryor has handed down a decision in favor of John D. Rockefeller, dismissing the suit brought against him by the Baptist Tabernacle church to compel the performance of an alleged contract by the terms of which Rockefeller was to deposit $50,000 of 5 per cent. bonds with a trustee, the interest to be applied for the benefit of the church. The bonds were deposited by Rockefeller as required, but after they had paid interest for thirteen months the railroad company that issued them defaulted in the payment of the interest, and since then the church has received nothing. Rev. Dr. D. C. Potter, on behalf of the church, sued to compel Rockefeller to pay about $9,000 interest which had accrued on the bonds, and make good the alleged agreement.

Live Stock Business Improving.

Chicago, Feb. 2.—The annual investigation of the Orange Judd Farmer indicates that the turning point in the long and serious depression of the live stock industry has been passed. Between 1893 and 1896 the depreciation in this form of rural wealth amounted to $625,000,000, or 25 per cent. But returns this year, for the first time since the decline began showed an increase in aggregate value during the past twelve months, the net being $1,887,000. But for a further decline in the values of horses the showing for the year would have been much more gratifying.

Revival of Car Building.

Dayton, O., Feb. 2.—Car building shows signs of revival here. Six hundred men are at work at the shops on a full equipment for the Kansas City, Pittsburg and Gulf railroad, thirty summer cars for the Peoples' Street railway of this city and several cars for the Miami Valley Traction company.

Frances Joseph to Visit the Czar.

London, Feb. 2.—A special from Vienna says that Emperor Franz Josef has decided to accompany Count Goluchowski, minister of foreign affairs, upon the occasion of the visit of the emperor to the czar at St. Petersburg next April.

ABBREVIATED TELEGRAMS.

One of Sacramento's representatives in the California legislature has five indictments hanging over him for felony.

Governor Tanner, of Illinois, issued a requisition upon the governor of Texas for the extradition of Martin L. Jordan, under arrest at Corpus Christi, Tex., and wanted at Carmi, Ills., for arson.

Chicago north side robbers are once more at work. A bandit visited the drug store of Emil Zabel, 506 Wells street, and under the persuasive influence of two revolvers induced the owner to separate himself from $20.

Captain Zalinski, the famous dynamite gun inventor, who is now on the retired list, is in Washington in pursuit of his fad, which is military instruction in the public schools.

One of the most daredevil feats of the Cuban war is reported from the Pinar del Rio section, via Key West, it being an attempt to abduct Colonel San Martin from his camp, the Texan "Lone Star company" being the heroes.

William A. Cunning, who killed Mrs. Mary Denning and then himself, is dead at Chicago.

Canadian cattle dealers believe, through the favorable arrangements made by the Dominion authorities of the raising of the forty-days' quarantine on Canadian cattle going into the United States, they will be able to build up a valuable export trade.

The steamship State of Georgia is given up for lost at St. Johns, Nd. She has probably foundered with all on board.

Mrs. Albert Siszaka, of Chicago, was asphyxiated by coal gas Sunday night. Her husband was also overcome, and although still alive there is no hope for his recovery. Gas escaped from a small coal stove in a corner of their bed room.

Professor Brooks, director of Smith observatory, at Geneva, N. Y., announces that the great sun spot of January has again come into view and can now be seen with the naked eye through a smoked glass.

Sims Reeves, the famous English singer who recently married a young wife and returned to the stage, has been declared a bankrupt at London.

Cut Open in Vain.

Doctors Couldn't Tell What Was the Matter Even Then.

THIS CASE BAFFLED THE EXPERTS—HEZEKIAH VAUGHAN'S SUFFERINGS WERE RELIEVED FINALLY BY A BOX OF DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 25—Heroic was the fortitude of Hezekiah Vaughan who lay on a surgeon's operating table in Harper's Hospital, this city, while doctors cut him open and took his entrails out and laid them on the table to discover what was the trouble with them.

Students gathered about the clinical demonstration, but were not edified by hearing the truth told, for none of the eminent surgeons were able to diagonise the case, even after they had made Vaughan look like the man in the front of the almanac.

Vaughan was sewed up again, and remained convalescing in the hospital for five weeks, leaveng at the end of that time but little improved.

"It was some time after this," said Mr. Vaughan, "that I heard of the wonderful effect made upon my neighbor, Mr. Sherman Buchanan who from being next to death's door, was able to attend to farm work, wholly through the benefit of DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS. I decided to try them, and forthwith commenced their use."

"For the first four days, of course, little effect was produced, but I gradually began to feel the action of the medicine, and by the time I had used up the first box, I felt they were doing me a world of good. I kept on taking them regularly, and from day to day I noticed rapid changes for the better. My bowels became regular, my bloating subsided, all pain in my back left me, and renewed health and vitality permeated my whole system.

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Discouragement for Imitators.

Washington, Feb. 2.—Under the treaty with Japan, proclaimed March 21, 1895, which does not, however, go into effect until July 17, 1899, there is an article granting the citizens of either country the same protection as native citizens in regard "to patents, trademarks and designs upon fulfillment of the formalities of law. Since that treaty was negotiated the Japanese have imitated American manufacturers, using trade marks and other individual designs, and imported such goods into this country at prices below those at which the same goods can be made here. Business men have negotiated a brief treaty which makes article XIV. of this treaty go into force and effect at once. The senate committee of foreign affairs Saturday afternoon ordered a favorable report to be made on this treaty, and it will probably be ratified at once.

No Wine for the Populace.

Washington, Feb. 2.—The committee having in charge the inaugural banquet has decided that no wine will be served to the general public. There will be no wine list in connection with the menu card, from which orders can be given, even at an additional charge. The only wines used on the occasion will be supplied by Carl G. Essner, the caterer, to his personal guests. He will serve a private complimentary dinner to the president, his cabinet-elect, and such other guests as may be invited.

Queen Lil Calls on Mrs. Cleveland.

Washington, Feb. 2.—Ex-Queen Liliuokalani paid a visit to Mrs. Cleveland yesterday afternoon. She sent a note to Mrs. Cleveland Sunday asking the privilege of calling upon her. As she had been prevented from meeting Liliuokalani by reason of her absence upon the occasion of her call upon the president, Mrs. Cleveland assented to the request. Accordingly the ex-queen went to the White House about a quarter to 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

New Bank for Illinois.

Washington, Feb. 2.—The comptroller of the currency has issued authority for the organization of the First National bank of Edwardsville, Ills. Capital $50,000.

Senate Gets the Alaskan Treaty.

Washington, Feb. 2.—The new treaty relative to the Alaskan boundary was sent to the senate yesterday and examined by a number of senators.

Funeral of Gen. J. E. Smith.

Galena, Ills., Feb. 2.—The funeral of General John E. Smith, U. S. A., who died in Chicago, was held here yesterday. The services were in accordance with the Protestant Episcopal ritual, in Grace church, Rev. S. J. Yundt in charge. Masonic bodies and Union soldiers in a body attended.

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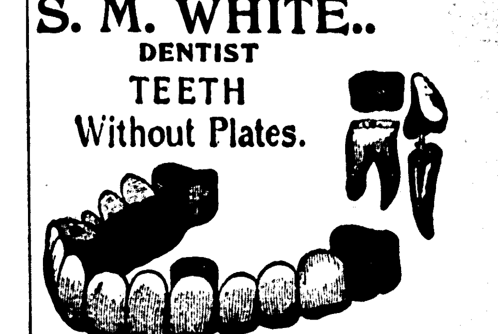

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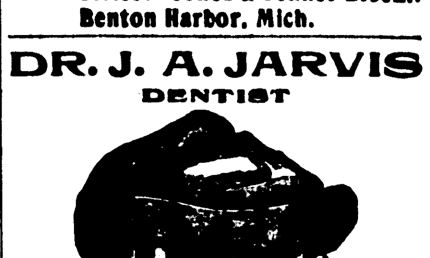

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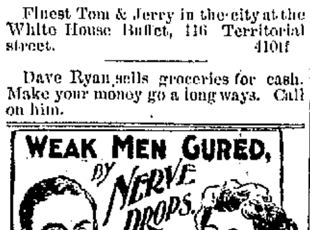

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ESTATE TAXATION

As It Is Applied to Raising Revenue from Corporations.

Washington, Feb. 2.—The supreme court rendered a decision that is considered by constitutional lawyers of the very highest importance, in that it materially enlarges the power of states to tax the property of corporations that have heretofore avoided taxation by claiming avoidance rights under the interstate commerce laws. The case decided, or rather group of cases, came up from the courts of Indiana and Ohio, and involved the validity of what is known in the latter state as the Nichols law.

How the Law "Soaks" the Companies.

In brief, it authorizes and empowers the tax commissioners to assess and collect taxes on franchises and a proportionate share of the capital stock of telegraph and express companies doing business in the state. The importance of this law in a material way to express companies may be understood when it is stated that the tax commissioners of Ohio raised the assessment on express company property from $289,000 to $4,249,000. A similar advance in the assessment was made in Indiana and Kentucky, where the same law was on the statute books.

Been Three Years in the Courts.

The cases were bitterly fought, and finally after three years of litigation reached the supreme court. The decision of the court yesterday sustains the state laws and establishes a new principle of taxation which will be seized upon by legislatures of many states which are in need of more funds, and which have found no way to get at the real value of property of corporations within their limits. A very vigorous dissenting opinion was given by Justices Field, Brown, Strong and Harlan.

Can Tax Them Three Ways.

It was shown that under the Ohio state law, which was assailed by the express companies, these companies are taxed in three forms: First, on their real estate; second, upon their gross receipts on business done within the state, and third, they are additionally assessed by a state board. It was the last assessment to wich the companies took exception. The increased valuation was arrived at by taking the market value of the entire capital stock of the express companies as the basis for arriving at the true value in money of the company's property in Ohio. The chief justice did not make his opinion public, merely announcing that the decision of the court below had been affirmed.

What the Dissenting Judges Say.

Justice White delivered the opinion of the dissenting justices, saying: "The recognition of the right of taxation exerted by the state of Ohio in these cases must, if followed in other states, not only reproduce the illegality and injustice here shown, but greatly increase it; as every new imposition will be a new levy on property already taxed, and result in an additional burden on interstate commerce. If the principles by which such results are brought about be recognized as lawful under the constitution, not only will congress be deprived of all power to protect the citizens of the respective states and the states themselves from these conditions, but it will also be rendered impotent to devise any just and fair regulation to prevent the interstate commerce clause from being made a shield for avoiding taxation and to cause property engaged in such commerce *to be subjected to* just and uniform taxation on the part of the several states."

Indiana Courts Sustained.

The chief justice also announced the decision of the court in the cases involving the extent of the taxing power as applied to express companies in Indiana, affirming the decision of the state court in each case and thus sustaining the law. The two cases involve the validity of the state law of 1893 for the taxation of telegraph, telephone, palace car, sleeping car, dining car, express and fast freight companies, which empowers the state board of tax commissioners to assess taxation other than that of a local character. This law imposes a penalty of 50 per cent. upon those who do not pay their taxes within the time specified. Justice Harlan and White dissented in the Western Union case on the ground that the law was a denial of equal rights.

BISMARCK NOT A FINANCIER.

Eckels' Reply to a Question by a Free Silver Representative.

Washington, Feb. 2.—Comptroller Eckels was before the house banking and currency committee again yesterday. In the course of his talk he said that France, England and the United States had at times had a surplus of gold, which was proven by the fact that they had exchanged it for commodities. The export of gold from the United States had not always been voluntary, and sometimes was detrimental. England had been able to secure gold from *France when she needed it*, and the United States, France and England could secure it from one another when necessary.

It is not necessary that countries should always hold fixed quantities of gold. Newlands asked: "Is it not true what Bismarck said that this gold blanket is not large enough to cover the world?"

Eckels replied: "I do not think so, and Bismarck has less reputation as a financier than any other statesmen who have risen to great prominence."

In conclusion Eckels said he thought bimetallism practically impossible and if possible it would not facilitate commercial exchanges. There never had been a time when the two metals circulated concurrently and independent of each other.

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"SEEK HIM THAT MAKETH THE SEVEN STARS AND ORION."

He Was the Son of a Poor Shepherd and Stammered, but Rev. Dr. Talmage Shows How Amos Made the Hosts Tremble—A Sermon to Make Men Think.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—This sermon of Dr. Talmage, looking at the midnight heavens through the eyes of one of the ancients, is unique for practicality and must set all to useful thinking. His text is Amos v, 8, "Seek him that maketh the seven stars and Orion."

A country farmer wrote this text, Amos of Tekoa. He plowed the earth and thrashed the grain by a new thrashing machine just invented, as formerly the cattle trod out the grain. He gathered the fruit of the sycamore tree and scarified it with an iron comb just before it was getting ripe, as it was necessary and customary in that way to take from it the bitterness. He was the son of a poor shepherd and stuttered, but before the stammering rustic the Philistines and Syrians and Phoenicians and Moabites and Ammonites and Edomites and Israelites trembled.

Moses was a law giver, Daniel was a prince, Isaiah a courtier and David a king, but Amos, the author of my text, was a peasant, and, as might be supposed, nearly all his parallelisms are pastoral, his prophecy full of the odor of new mown hay, and the rattle of locusts and the rumble of carts with sheaves, and the roar of wild beasts devouring the flock while the shepherd came out in their defense. He watched the herds by day and by night inhabited a booth made out of bushes, so that through these branches he could see the stars all night long, and was more familiar with them than we who have tight roofs to our houses and hardly ever see the stars except among the tall brick chimneys of the great towns. But at seasons of the year when the herds were in special danger he would stay out in the open field all through the darkness, his only shelter the curtain of the night heaven, with the stellar embroideries and silvered tassels of lunar light.

What a life of solitude, all alone with his herds! Poor Amos! And at 12 o'clock at night hark to the wolf's bark, and the lion's roar, and the bear's growl, and the owl's tu-whit tu-who, and the serpent's hiss as he unwittingly steps too near while moving through the thickets! So Amos, like other herdsmen, got the habit of studying the map of the heavens because it was so much of the time spread out before him. He noticed some stars advancing and others receding. He associated their dawn and setting with certain seasons of the year. He had a poetic nature, and he read night by night, and month by month, and year by year, the poem of the constellations, divinely rhythmic. But two rosettes of stars especially attracted his attention while seated on the ground or lying on his back under the open scroll of the midnight heavens—the Pleiades, or seven stars, and Orion. The former group this rustic prophet associated with spring, as it rises about the 1st of May. The latter he associated with the winter, as it comes to the meridian in January. The Pleiades, or seven stars, connected with all sweetness and joy; Orion, the herald of the tempest. The ancients were the more apt to study the physiognomy and juxtaposition of the heavenly bodies because they thought they had a special influence upon the earth, and perhaps they were right. If the moon every few hours lifts and lets down the tides of the Atlantic ocean and the electric storms in the sun, by all scientific admission, affect the earth, why not the stars have proportionate effect?

And there are some things which make me think that it may not have been all superstition which connected the movements and appearance of the heavenly bodies with great moral events on earth. Did not a meteor run on evangelistic errand on the first Christmas night and designate the rough cradle of our Lord? Did not the stars in their course fight against Sisera? Was it merely coincidental that before the destruction of Jerusalem the moon was hidden for 12 consecutive nights? Did it merely happen so that a new star appeared in constellation Cassiopeia, and then disappeared just before Charles IX of France, who was responsible for the St. Bartholomew massacre, died? Was it without significance that in the days of the Roman Emperor Justinian war and famine were preceded by the dimness of the sun, which for nearly a year gave no more light than the moon, although there were no clouds to obscure it?

Astrology, after all, may have been something more than a brilliant heathenism. No wonder that Amos of the text, having heard these two anthems of the stars, put down the stout, rough staff of the herdsman and took into his brown hand and cut and knotted fingers the pen of a prophet and advised the recreant people of his time to return to God, saying, "Seek him that maketh the seven stars and Orion." This command, which Amos gave 785 years B. C., is just as appropriate for us, 1897 A. D.

In the first place, Amos saw, as we must see, that the God who made the Pleiades and Orion must be the God of order. It was not so much a star here and a star there that impressed the inspired herdsman, but seven in one group and seven in the other group. He saw that night after night and season after season and decade after decade they had kept step of light, each one in its own place, a sisterhood never clashing and never contesting precedence. From the time Hesiod called the Pleiades the "seven daughters of Atlas" and Virgil wrote in his "Æneid" of "stormy Orion" until now, they have observed the order established for their coming and going; order written not in manuscript that may be pigeonholed, but with the hand of the Almighty on the dome of the sky, so that all nations may read it—order, persistent order, sublime order, omnipotent order.

What a sedative to you and me, to whom communities and nations sometimes seem going pellmell, and the world ruled by some fiend at haphazard, and in all directions maladministration! The God who keeps seven worlds in right circuit for 6,000 years can certainly keep all the affairs of individuals and nations and continents in adjustment. We had not better fret much, for the peasant's argument of the text was right. If God can take care of the seven worlds of the Pleiades and the four chief worlds of Orion, he can probably take care of the one world we inhabit.

So I feel very much as my father felt one day when we were going to the country mill to get a grist ground, and I, a boy of 7 years, sat in the back part of the wagon, and our yoke of oxen ran away with us, and along a labyrinthine road through the woods, so that I thought every moment we would be dashed to pieces, and I made a terrible outcry of fright, and my father turned to me with a face perfectly calm and said: "De Witt, what are you crying about? I guess we can ride as fast as the oxen can run." And, my hearers, why should we be affrighted and lose our equilibrium in the swift movement of worldly events, especially when we are assured that it is not a yoke of unbroken steers that are drawing us on, but that order and wise government are in the yoke?

In your occupation, your mission, your sphere, do the best you can and then trust to God, and if things are all mixed and disquieting and your brain is hot and your heart sick get some one to go out with you into the starlight and point out to you the Pleiades, or, better than that, get into some observatory, and through the telescope see farther than Amos with the naked eye could—namely, 200 stars in the Pleiades, and that in what is called the sword of Orion there is a nebula computed to be two trillion two hundred thousand billion of times larger than the sun. Oh, be at peace with the God who made that and controls all that, the wheel of the constellations turning in the wheel of galaxies for thousands of years without the breaking of a cog, or the slipping of a band, or the snap of an axle. For your placidity and comfort through the Lord Jesus Christ I charge you, "Seek him that maketh the seven stars and Orion."

Again, Amos saw, as we must see, that the God who made these two groups of the text was the God of light. Amos saw that God was not satisfied with making one star or two or three stars, but he makes seven, and, having finished that group of worlds, makes another group—group after group. To the Pleiades he adds Orion. It seems that God likes light so well that he keeps making it. Only one being in the universe knows the statistics of solar, lunar, stellar, meteoric creations, and that is the Creator himself. And they have all been lovingly christened, each one a name as distinct as the names of your children. "He telleth the number of the stars. He calleth them all by their names." The seven Pleiades had names given to them, and they are Alcyone, Merope, Celaeno, Electra, Sterope, Taygete and Maia.

But think of the billions and trillions of daughters of starry light that God calls by name as they sweep by him with beaming brow and lustrous robe! So fond is God of light—natural light, moral light, spiritual light! Again and again is light harnessed for symbolization—Christ, the bright and morning star; evangelization, the daybreak; the redemption of nations, sun of righteousness rising with healing in his wings. Oh, men and women, with so many sorrows and sins and perplexities, if you want light of comfort, light of pardon, light of goodness, in earnest prayer through Christ, "Seek him that maketh the seven stars and Orion."

Again, Amos saw, as we must see, that the God who made these two archipelagoes of stars must be an unchanging God. There had been no change in the stellar appearance in this herdsman's lifetime, and his father, a shepherd, reported to him that there had been no change in his lifetime. And these two clusters hang over the celestial arbor now just as they were the first night that they shone on the Edenic bowers; the same as when the Egyptians built the pyramids from the top of which to watch them; the same as when the Chaldeans calculated the eclipses; the same as when Elihu, according to the book of Job, went out to study the aurora borealis; the same under Ptolemaic system and Copernican system; the same from Callisthenes to Pythagoras and from Pythagoras to Herschel. Surely a changeless God must have fashioned the Pleiades and Orion! Oh, what an anodyne amid the ups and downs of life and the flux and reflux of the tides of prosperity to know that we have a changeless God, "the same yesterday, today and forever!"

Xerxes garlanded and knighted the steersman of his boat in the morning and hanged him in the evening of the same day. Fifty thousand people stood around the columns of the national capitol shouting themselves hoarse at the presidential inaugural, and in four months so great were the antipathies that a ruffian's pistol in a Washington depot expressed the sentiment of many a disappointed office seeker. The world sits in its chariot and drives tandem, and the horse ahead is Huzza, and the horse behind is Anathema. Lord Cobham, in King James' time, was applauded and had $35,000 a year, but was afterward execrated and lived on scraps stolen from the royal kitchen. Alexander the Great after death remained unburied for 30 days because no one would do the honor of shoveling him under. The Duke of Wellington refused to have his iron fence mended because it had been broken by an infuriated populace in some hour of political excitement, and he left it in ruins that men might learn what a fickle thing is human favor. "But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting to them that fear him, and his righteousness unto the children's children of such as keep his covenant, and to those who remember his commandments to do them." This moment "seek him that maketh the seven stars and Orion."

Again, Amos saw, as we must see, that the God who made these two beacons of the oriental night sky must be a God of love and kindly warning. The Pleiades rising in midsky said to all the herdsmen and shepherds and husbandmen, "Come out and enjoy the mild weather and cultivate your gardens and fields." Orion, coming in winter, warned them to prepare for tempest. All navigation was regulated by these two constellations. The one said to shipmaster and crew, "Hoist sail for the sea and gather merchandise from other lands." But Orion was the storm signal and said, "Reef sail, make things snug or put into harbor, for the hurricanes are getting their wings out." As the Pleiades were the sweet evangels of the spring, Orion was the warning prophet of the winter.

Oh, now I get the best view of God I ever had! There are two sermons I never want to preach—the one that presents God so kind, so indulgent, so lenient, so imbecile that men may do what they will against him, and fracture his every law, and put the pry of their impertinence and rebellion under his throne, and while they are spitting in his face and stabbing at his heart he takes them up in his arms and kisses their infuriated brow and cheek, saying, "Of such is the kingdom of heaven." *The other kind of sermon I never* want to preach is the one that represents God as all fire and torture and thundercloud, and with redhot pitchfork tossing the human race into paroxysms of infinite agony. The sermon that I am now preaching believes in a God of loving, kindly warning, the God of spring and winter, the God of the Pleiades and Orion.

You must remember that the winter is just as important as the spring. Let one winter pass without frost to kill vegetation and ice to bind the rivers and snow to enrich our fields, and then you will have to enlarge your hospitals and your cemeteries. "A green Christmas makes a fat graveyard," was the old proverb. Storms to purify the air. Thermometer at 3 degrees below zero to tone up the system. December and January just as important as May and June. I tell you we need the storms of life as much as we do the sunshine. There are more men ruined by prosperity than by adversity. If we had our own way in life, before this we would have been impersonations of selfishness and worldliness and disgusting sin and puffed up until we would have been like Julius Caesar, who was made by sycophants to believe that he was divine, and the freckles on his face were said to be as the stars of the firmament.

One of the swiftest transatlantic voyages made one summer by the Etruria was because she had a stormy wind abaft, chasing her from New York to Liverpool. But to those going in the opposite direction the storm was a buffeting and a hindrance. It is a bad thing to have a storm ahead, pushing us back, but if we be God's children and aiming toward heaven the storms of life will only chase us the sooner into the harbor. I am so glad to believe that the monsoons, typhoons and mistrals and siroccos of the land and sea are not unchained maniacs let loose upon the earth, but are under divine supervision! I am so glad that the God of the seven stars is also the God of Orion! It was out of Dante's suffering came the sublime "Divina Commedia," and out of John Milton's blindness came "Paradise Lost," and out of miserable infidel attack came the "Bridgewater Treatise" in favor of Christianity, and out of David's exile came the songs of consolation, and out of the sufferings of Christ came the possibility of the world's redemption, and out of your bereavement, your persecution, your poverties, your misfortunes, may yet come an eternal heaven.

Oh, what a mercy it is that in the text and all up and down the Bible God induces us to look out toward other worlds! Bible astronomy in Genesis, in Joshua, in Job, in the Psalms, in the prophets, major and minor; in St. John's Apocalypse, practically saying: "Worlds! Worlds! Worlds! Get ready for them!" We have a nice little world here that we stick to, as though losing that we lose all. We are afraid of falling off this little raft of a world. We are afraid that some meteoric iconoclast will some night smash it, and we want everything to revolve around it and are disappointed when we find that it revolves around the sun instead of the sun revolving around it. What a fuss we make about this little bit of a world, its existence only a short time between two spasms, the paroxysm by which it was hurled from chaos into order and the paroxysm of its demolition.

And I am glad that so many texts call us to look off to other worlds, many of them larger and grander and more resplendent. "Look there," says Job, "at Mazaroth and Arcturus and his sons!" "Look there," says St. John, "at the moon under Christ's feet!" "Look there," says Joshua, "at the sun standing still above Gibeon!" "Look there," says Moses, "at the sparkling firmament!" "Look there," says Amos, the herdsman, "at the seven stars and Orion!" Do not let us be so sad about those who shove off from this world under Christly pilotage. Do not let us be so agitated about our own going off this little barge or sloop or canalboat of a world to get on some Great Eastern of the heavens. Do not let us persist in wanting to stay in this barn, this shed, this outhouse of a world, when all the King's palaces already occupied by many of our best friends are swinging wide open their gates to let us in.

When I read, "In my father's house are many mansions," I do not know but that each world is a room, and as many rooms as there are worlds, stellar stairs, stellar galleries, stellar hallways, stellar windows, stellar domes. How our departed friends must pity us shut up in these cramped apartments, tired if we walk 15 miles, when they some morning, by one stroke of wing, can make circuit of the whole stellar system and be back in time for matins! Perhaps yonder twinkling constellation is the residence of the martyrs; that group of 13 luminaries may be the celestial home of the apostles. Perhaps that steep of light is the dwelling place of angels cherubic, seraphic, archangelic. A mansion with as many rooms as worlds, and all their windows illuminated for festivity!

Oh, how this widens and lifts and stimulates our expectation! How little it makes the present, and how stupendous it makes the future! How it consoles us about our pious dead, that, instead of being boxed up and under the ground, have the range of as many rooms as there are worlds and welcome everywhere, for it is the Father's house, in which there are many mansions! O Lord God of the seven stars and Orion, how can I endure the transport, the *ecstasy, of such a vision?* I must obey my text and seek him. I will seek him. I seek him now, for I call to mind that it is not the material universe that is most valuable, but the spiritual, and that each of us has a soul worth more than all the worlds which the inspired herdsman saw from his booth on the hills of Tekoa.

I had studied it before, but the cathedral of Cologne, Germany, never impressed me as it did one summer. It is admittedly the grandest Gothic structure in the world, its foundation laid in 1248, only a few years ago completed. More than 600 years in building! All Europe taxed for its construction. Its chapel of the Magi, with precious stones enough to purchase a kingdom. Its chapel of St. Agnes, with masterpieces of painting. Its spire springing 511 feet into the heavens. Its stained glass *the chorus of all rich colors.* Statues encircling the pillars and encircling all. Statues above statues, until sculpture can do no more, but faints and falls back against carved stalls and down on pavements over which the kings and queens of the earth have walked to confessional. Nave and aisles and transept and portals combining the splendors of sunrise and sunset. Interlaced, interfoliated, intercolumned grandeur. As I stood outside, looking at the double range of flying buttresses and the forest of pinnacles, higher and higher and higher, until I almost reeled from dizziness, I exclaimed: "Great doxology in stone! Frozen prayer of many nations!"

But while standing there I saw a poor man enter and put down his pack and kneel, beside his burden on the hard floor of that cathedral. And tears of deep emotion came into my eyes as I said to myself, "There is a soul worth more than all the material surroundings. That man will live after the last pinnacle has fallen, and not one stone of all that cathedral glory shall remain uncrumbled. He is now a Lazarus in rags and poverty and weariness, but immortal, and a son of the Lord God Almighty. And the prayer he now offers, though amid many superstitions, I believe God will hear, and among the apostles whose sculptured forms stand in the surrounding niches he will at last be lifted and into the presence of that Christ whose sufferings are represented by the crucifix before which he bows and be raised in due time out of all his poverties into the glorious home built for him and built for us by 'him who maketh the seven stars and Orion.'"

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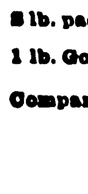

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ESTATE TAXATION

As It Is Applied to Raising Revenue from Corporations.

Washington, Feb. 2.—The supreme court rendered a decision that is considered by constitutional lawyers of the very highest importance, in that it materially enlarges the power of states to tax the property of corporations that have heretofore avoided taxation by claiming avoidance rights under the interstate commerce laws. The case decided, or rather group of cases, came up from the courts of Indiana and Ohio, and involved the validity of what is known in the latter state as the Nichols law.

How the Law "Soaks" the Companies.

In brief, it authorizes and empowers the tax commissioners to assess and collect taxes on franchises and a proportionate share of the capital stock of telegraph and express companies doing business in the state. The importance of this law in a material way to express companies may be understood when it is stated that the tax commissioners of Ohio raised the assessment on express company property from $289,000 to $4,249,000. A similar advance in the assessment was made in Indiana and Kentucky, where the same law was on the statute books.

Been Three Years in the Courts.

The cases were bitterly fought, and finally after three years of litigation reached the supreme court. The decision of the court yesterday sustains the state laws and establishes a new principle of taxation which will be seized upon by legislatures of many states which are in need of more funds, and which have found no way to get at the real value of property of corporations within their limits. A very vigorous dissenting opinion was given by Justices Field, Brown, Strong and Harlan.

Can Tax Them Three Ways.

It was shown that under the Ohio state law, which was assailed by the express companies, these companies are taxed in three forms: First, on their real estate; second, upon their gross receipts on business done within the state, and third, they are additionally assessed by a state board. It was the last assessment to wich the companies took exception. The increased valuation was arrived at by taking the market value of the entire capital stock of the express companies as the basis for arriving at the true value in money of the company's property in Ohio. The chief justice did not make his opinion public, merely announcing that the decision of the court below had been affirmed.

What the Dissenting Judges Say.

Justice White delivered the opinion of the dissenting justices, saying: "The recognition of the right of taxation exerted by the state of Ohio in these cases must, if followed in other states, not only reproduce the illegality and injustice here shown, but greatly increase it; as every new imposition will be a new levy on property already taxed, and result in an additional burden on interstate commerce. If the principles by which such results are brought about be recognized as lawful under the constitution, not only will congress be deprived of all power to protect the citizens of the respective states and the states themselves from these conditions, but it will also be rendered impotent to devise any just and fair regulation to prevent the interstate commerce clause from being made a shield for avoiding taxation and to cause property engaged in such commerce to be subjected to just and uniform taxation on the part of the several states."

Indiana Courts Sustained.

The chief justice also announced the decision of the court in the cases involving the extent of the taxing power as applied to express companies in Indiana, affirming the decision of the state court in each case and thus sustaining the law. The two cases involve the validity of the state law of 1893 for the taxation of telegraph, telephone, palace car, sleeping car, dining car, express and fast freight companies, which empowers the state board of tax commissioners to assess taxation other than that of a local character. This law imposes a penalty of 50 per cent. upon those who do not pay their taxes within the time specified. Justice Harlan and White dissented in the Western Union case on the ground that the law was a denial of equal rights.

BISMARCK NOT A FINANCIER.

Eckels' Reply to a Question by a Free Silver Representative.

Washington, Feb. 2.—Comptroller Eckels was before the house banking and currency committee again yesterday. In the course of his talk he said that France, England and the United States had at times had a surplus of gold, which was proven by the fact that they had exchanged it for commodities. The export of gold from the United States had not always been voluntary, and sometimes was detrimental. England had been able to secure gold from France when she needed it, and the United States, France and England could secure it from one another when necessary.

It is not necessary that countries should always hold fixed quantities of gold. Newlands asked: "Is it not true what Bismarck said that this gold blanket is not large enough to cover the world?"

Eckels replied: "I do not think so, and Bismarck has less reputation as a financier than any other statesmen who have risen to great prominence."

In conclusion Eckels said he thought bimetallism practically impossible and if possible it would not facilitate commercial exchanges. There never had been a time when the two metals circulated concurrently and independent of each other.

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A RUSTIC'S COUNSEL.

"SEEK HIM THAT MAKETH THE SEVEN STARS AND ORION."

He Was the Son of a Poor Shepherd and Stammered, but Rev. Dr. Talmage Shows How Amos Made the Hosts Tremble—A Sermon to Make Men Think.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—This sermon of Dr. Talmage, looking at the midnight heavens through the eyes of one of the ancients, is unique for practicality and must set all to useful thinking. His text is Amos v, 8, "Seek him that maketh the seven stars and Orion."

A country farmer wrote this text, Amos of Tekoa. He plowed the earth and thrashed the grain by a new thrashing machine just invented, as formerly the cattle trod out the grain. He gathered the fruit of the sycamore tree and scarified it with an iron comb just before it was getting ripe, as it was necessary and customary in that way to take from it the bitterness. He was the son of a poor shepherd and stuttered, but before the stammering rustic the Philistines and Syrians and Phœnicians and Moabites and Ammonites and Edomites and Israelites trembled.

Moses was a law giver, Daniel was a prince, Isaiah a courtier and David a king, but Amos, the author of my text, was a peasant, and, as might be supposed, nearly all his parallelisms are pastoral, his prophecy full of the odor of new mown hay, and the rattle of locusts, and the rumble of carts with sheaves, and the roar of wild beasts devouring the flock while the shepherd came out in their defense. He watched the herds by day and by night inhabited a booth made out of bushes, so that through these branches he could see the stars all night long, and was more familiar with them than we who have tight roofs to our houses and hardly ever see the stars except among the tall brick chimneys of the great towns. But at seasons of the year when the herds were in special danger he would stay out in the open field all through the darkness, his only shelter the curtain of the night heaven, with the stellar embroideries and silvered tassels of lunar light.

What a life of solitude, all alone with his herds! Poor Amos! And at 12 o'clock at night hark to the wolf's bark, and the lion's roar, and the bear's growl, and the owl's te-whit te-who, and the serpent's hiss as he unwittingly steps too near while moving through the thickets! So Amos, like other herdsmen, got the habit of studying the map of the heavens because it was so much of the time spread out before him. He noticed some stars advancing and others receding. He associated their dawn and setting with certain seasons of the year. He had a poetic nature, and he read night by night, and month by month, and year by year, the poem of the constellations, divinely rhythmic. But two rosettes of stars especially attracted his attention while seated on the ground or lying on his back under the open scroll of the midnight heavens—the Pleiades, or seven stars, and Orion. The former group this rustic prophet associated with spring, as it rises about the 1st of May. The latter he associated with the winter, as it comes to the meridian in January. The Pleiades, or seven stars, connected with all sweetness and joy, Orion, the herald of the tempest. The ancients were the more apt to study the physiognomy and juxtaposition of the heavenly bodies because they thought they had a special influence upon the earth, and perhaps they were right. If the moon every few hours lifts and lets down the tides of the Atlantic ocean and the electric storms in the sun, by all scientific admission, affect the earth, why not the stars have proportionate effect?

And there are some things which make me think that it may not have been all superstition which connected the movements and appearance of the heavenly bodies with great moral events on earth. Did not a meteor run on evangelistic errand on the first Christmas night and designate the rough cradle of our Lord. Did not the stars in their course fight against Sisera? Was it merely coincidental that before the destruction of Jerusalem the moon was hidden for 12 consecutive nights? Did it merely happen so that a new star appeared in constellation Cassiopeia, and then disappeared just before Charles IX of France, who was responsible for the St. Bartholomew massacre, died? Was it without significance that in the days of the Roman Emperor Justinian war and famine were preceded by the dimness of the sun, which for nearly a year gave no more light than the moon, although there were no clouds to obscure it?

Astrology, after all, may have been something more than a brilliant heathenism. No wonder that Amos of the text, having heard these two anthems of the stars, put down the stout, rough staff of the herdsman and took into his brown hand and cut and knotted fingers the pen of a prophet and advised the recreant people of his time to return to God, saying, "Seek him that maketh the seven stars and Orion." This command, which Amos gave 785 years B. C., is just as appropriate for us, 1897 A. D.

In the first place, Amos saw, as we must see, that the God who made the Pleiades and Orion must be the God of order. It was not so much a star here and a star there that impressed the inspired herdsman, but seven in one group and seven in the other group. He saw that night after night and season after season and decade after decade they had kept step of light, each one in its own place, a sisterhood never clashing and never contesting precedence. From the time Hesiod called the Pleiades the "seven daughters of Atlas" and Virgil wrote in his "Æneid" of "stormy Orion" until now, they have observed the order established for their coming and going; order written not in manuscript that may be pigeonholed, but with the hand of the Almighty on the dome of the sky, so that all nations may read it—order, persistent order, sublime order, omnipotent order.

What a sedative to you and me, to whom communities and nations sometimes seem going pellmell, and the world ruled by some fiend at haphazard, and in all directions maladministration! The God who keeps seven worlds in right circuit for 6,000 years can certainly keep all the affairs of individuals and nations and continents in adjustment. We had not better fret much, for the peasant's argument of the text was right. If God can take care of the seven worlds of the Pleiades and the four chief worlds of Orion, he can probably take care of the one world we inhabit.

So I feel very much as my father felt one day when we were going to the country mill to get a grist ground, and I, a boy of 7 years, sat in the back part of the wagon, and our yoke of oxen ran away with us, and along a labyrinthine road through the woods, so that I thought every moment we would be dashed to pieces, and I made a terrible outcry of fright, and my father turned to me with a face perfectly calm and said: "De Witt, what are you crying about? I guess we can ride as fast as the oxen can run." And, my hearers, why should we be affrighted and lose our equilibrium in the swift movement of worldly events, especially when we are assured that it is not a yoke of unbroken steers that are drawing us on, but that order and wise government are in the yoke?

In your occupation, your mission, your sphere, do the best you can and then trust to God, and if things are all mixed and disquieting and your brain is hot and your heart sick get some one to go out with you into the starlight and point out to you the Pleiades, or, better than that, get into some observatory, and through the telescope see farther than Amos with the naked eye could—namely, 200 stars in the Pleiades, and that in what is called the sword of Orion there is a nebula computed to be two trillion two hundred thousand billion of times larger than the sun. Oh, be at peace with the God who made that and controls all that, the wheel of the constellations turning in the wheel of galaxies for thousands of years without the breaking of a cog, or the slipping of a band, or the snap of an axle. For your placidity and comfort through the Lord Jesus Christ I charge you, "Seek him that maketh the seven stars and Orion."

Again, Amos saw, as we must see, that the God who made these two groups of the text was the God of light. Amos saw that God was not satisfied with making one star or two or three stars, but he makes seven, and, having finished that group of worlds, makes another group—group after group. To the Pleiades he adds Orion. It seems that God likes light so well that he keeps making it. Only one being in the universe knows the statistics of solar, lunar, stellar, meteoric creations, and that is the Creator himself. And they have all been lovingly christened, each one a name as distinct as the names of your children. "He telleth the number of the stars. He calleth them all by their names." The seven Pleiades had names given to them, and they are Alcyone, Merope, Celæno, Electra, Sterope, Taygete and Maia.

But think of the billions and trillions of daughters of starry light that God calls by name as they sweep by him with beaming brow and lustrous robe! So fond is God of light—natural light, moral light, spiritual light! Again and again is light harnessed for symbolization—Christ, the bright and morning star; evangelization, the daybreak; the redemption of nations, sun of righteousness rising with healing in his wings. Oh, men and women, with so many sorrows and sins and perplexities, if you want light of comfort, light of pardon, light of goodness, in earnest prayer through Christ, "Seek him that maketh the seven stars and Orion."

Again, Amos saw, as we must see, that the God who made these two archipelagoes of stars must be an unchanging God. There had been no change in the stellar appearance in this herdsman's lifetime, and his father, a shepherd, reported to him that there had been no change in his lifetime. And these two clusters hang over the celestial arbor now just as they were the first night that they shone on the Edenic bowers; the same as when the Egyptians built the pyramids from the top of which to watch them; the same as when the Chaldeans calculated the eclipses; the same as when Elihu, according to the book of Job, went out to study the aurora borealis; the same under Ptolemaic system and Copernican system; the same from Callisthenes to Pythagoras and from Pythagoras to Herschel. Surely a changeless God must have fashioned the Pleiades and Orion! Oh, what an anodyne amid the ups and downs of life and the flux and reflux of the tides of prosperity to know that we have a changeless God, "the same yesterday, today and forever!"

Xerxes garlanded and knighted the steersman of his boat in the morning and hanged him in the evening of the same day. Fifty thousand people stood around the columns of the national capitol shouting themselves hoarse at the presidential inaugural, and in four months so great were the antipathies that a ruffian's pistol in a Washington depot expressed the sentiment of many a disappointed office seeker. The world sits in its chariot and drives tandem, and the horse ahead is Hazza, and the horse behind is Anathema. Lord Cobham, in King James' time, was applauded and had $35,000 a year, but was afterward execrated and lived on scraps stolen from the royal kitchen. Alexander the Great after death remained unburied for 30 days because no one would do the honor of shoveling him under. The Duke of Wellington refused to have his iron fence mended because it had been broken by an infuriated populace in some hour of political excitement, and he left it in ruins that men might learn what a fickle thing is human favor. "But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting to them that fear him, and his righteousness unto the children's children of such as keep his covenant, and to those who remember his commandments to do them." This moment "seek him that maketh the seven stars and Orion."

Again, Amos saw, as we must see, that the God who made these two beacons of the oriental night sky must be a God of love and kindly warning. The Pleiades rising in midsky said to all the herdsmen and shepherds and husbandmen, "Come out and enjoy the mild weather and cultivate your gardens and fields." Orion, coming in winter, warned them to prepare for tempest. All navigation was regulated by these two constellations. The one said to shipmaster and crew, "Hoist sail for the sea and gather merchandise from other lands." But Orion was the storm signal and said, "Reef sail, make things snug or put into harbor, for the hurricanes are getting their wings out." As the Pleiades were the sweet evangels of the spring, Orion was the warning prophet of the winter.

Oh, now I get the best view of God I ever had! There are two sermons I never want to preach—the one that presents God so kind, so indulgent, so lenient, so imbecile that men may do what they will against him, and fracture his every law, and put the pry of their impertinence and rebellion under his throne, and while they are spitting in his face and stabbing at his heart he takes them up in his arms and kisses their infuriated brow and cheek, saying, "Of such is the kingdom of heaven." The other kind of sermon I never want to preach is the one that represents God as all fire and torture and thundercloud, and with redhot pitchfork tossing the human race into paroxysms of infinite agony. The sermon that I am now preaching believes in a God of loving, kindly warning, the God of spring and winter, the God of the Pleiades and Orion.

You must remember that the winter is just as important as the spring. Let one winter pass without frost to kill vegetation and ice to bind the rivers and snow to enrich our fields, and then you will have to enlarge your hospitals and your cemeteries. "A green Christmas makes a fat graveyard," was the old proverb. Storms to purify the air. Thermometer at 3 degrees below zero to tone up the system. December and January just as important as May and June. I tell you we need the storms of life as much as we do the sunshine. There are more men ruined by prosperity than by adversity. If we had our own way in life, before this we would have been impersonations of selfishness and worldliness and disgusting sin and puffed up until we would have been like Julius Cæsar, who was made by sycophants to believe that he was divine, and the freckles on his face were said to be as the stars of the firmament.

One of the swiftest transatlantic voyages made one summer by the Etruria was because she had a stormy wind abaft, chasing her from New York to Liverpool. But to those going in the opposite direction the storm was a buffeting and a hindrance. It is a bad thing to have a storm ahead, pushing us back, but if we be God's children and aiming toward heaven the storms of life will only chase us the sooner into the harbor. I am so glad to believe that the monsoons, typhoons and mistrals and siroccos of the land and sea are not unchained maniacs let loose upon the earth, but are under divine supervision! I am so glad that the God of the seven stars is also the God of Orion! It was out of Dante's suffering came the sublime "Divina Commedia," and out of John Milton's blindness came "Paradise Lost," and out of miserable infidel attack came the "Bridgewater Treatise" in favor of Christianity, and out of David's exile came the songs of consolation, and out of the sufferings of Christ came the possibility of the world's redemption, and out of your bereavement, your persecution, your poverties, your misfortunes, may yet come an eternal heaven.

Oh, what a mercy it is that in the text and all up and down the Bible God induces us to look out toward other worlds! Bible astronomy in Genesis, in Joshua, in Job, in the Psalms, in the prophets, major and minor; in St. John's Apocalypse, practically saying: "Worlds! Worlds! Worlds! Get ready for them!" We have a nice little world here that we stick to, as though losing that we lose all. We are afraid of falling off this little raft of a world. We are afraid that some meteoric iconoclast will some night smash it, and we want everything to revolve around it and are disappointed when we find that it revolves around the sun instead of the sun revolving around it. What a fuss we make about this little bit of a world, its existence only a short time between two spasms, the paroxysm by which it was hurled from chaos into order and the paroxysm of its demolition.

And I am glad that so many texts call us to look off to other worlds, many of them larger and grander and more resplendent. "Look there," says Job, "at Mazaroth and Arcturus and his sons!" "Look there," says St. John, "at the moon under Christ's feet!" "Look there," says Joshua, "at the sun standing still above Gibeon!" "Look there," says Moses, "at the sparkling firmament!" "Look there," says Amos, the herdsman, "at the seven stars and Orion!" Do not let us be so sad about those who shove off from this world under Christly pilotage. Do not let us be so agitated about our own going off this little barge or sloop or canalboat of a world to get on some Great Eastern of the heavens. Do not let us persist in wanting to stay in this barn, this shed, this outhouse of a world, when all the King's palaces already occupied by many of our best friends are swinging wide open their gates to let us in.

When I read, "In my father's house are many mansions," I do not know but that each world is a room, and as many rooms as there are worlds, stellar stairs, stellar galleries, stellar hallways, stellar windows, stellar domes. How our departed friends must pity us shut up in these cramped apartments, tired if we walk 15 miles, when they some morning, by one stroke of wing, can make circuit of the whole stellar system and be back in time for matins! Perhaps yonder twinkling constellation is the residence of the martyrs; that group of 12 luminaries may be the celestial home of the apostles. Perhaps that steep of light is the dwelling place of angles cherubic, seraphic, archangelic. A mansion with as many rooms as worlds, and all their windows illuminated for festivity!

Oh, how this widens and lifts and stimulates our expectation! How little it makes the present, and how stupendous it makes the future! How it consoles us about our pious dead, that, instead of being boxed up and under the ground, have the range of as many rooms as there are worlds and welcome everywhere, for it is the Father's house, in which there are many mansions! O Lord God of the seven stars and Orion, how can I endure the transport, the ecstasy, of such a vision? I must obey my text and seek him. I will seek him. I seek him now, for I call to mind that it is not the material universe that is most valuable, but the spiritual, and that each of us has a soul worth more than all the worlds which the inspired herdsman saw from his booth on the hills of Tekoa.

I had studied it before, but the cathedral of Cologne, Germany, never impressed me as it did one summer. It is admittedly the grandest Gothic structure in the world, its foundation laid in 1248, only a few years ago completed. More than 600 years in building! All Europe taxed for its construction. Its chapel of the Magi, with precious stones enough to purchase a kingdom. Its chapel of St. Agnes, with masterpieces of painting. Its spire springing 511 feet into the heavens. Its stained glass the chorus of all rich colors. Statues encircling the pillars and encircling all. Statues above statues, until sculpture can do no more, but faints and falls back against carved stalls and down on pavements over which the kings and queens of the earth have walked to confessional. Nave and aisles and transept and portals combining the splendors of sunrise and sunset. Interlaced, interfoliated, intercolumned grandeur. As I stood outside, looking at the double range of flying buttresses and the forest of pinnacles, higher and higher and higher, until I almost reeled from dizziness, I exclaimed: "Great doxology in stone! Frozen prayer of many nations!"

But while standing there I saw a poor man enter and put down his pack and knee, beside his burden on the hard floor of that cathedral. And tears of deep emotion came into my eyes as I said to myself, "There is a soul worth more than all the material surroundings. That man will live after the last pinnacle has fallen, and not one stone of all that cathedral glory shall remain uncrumbled. He is now a Lazarus in rags and poverty and weariness, but immortal, and a son of the Lord God Almighty. And the prayer he now offers, though amid many superstitions, I believe God will hear, and among the apostles whose sculptured forms stand in the surrounding niches he will at last be lifted and into the presence of that Christ whose sufferings are represented by the crucifix before which he bows and be raised in due time out of all his poverties into the glorious home built for him and built for us by 'him who maketh the seven stars and Orion.'"

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By order of county committee
FRED A. WOODRUFF,
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Secretary

Take Notice.

A. E. Nichols, the dime deliveryman, has changed his office from Lowe & Rouse's drug store to Harry L. Bird's. Mr. Nichols says please try him at his new office and orders will receive more prompt attention. Phone 45, 3 rings. Orders may also be left at Michael & Beeny's.

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Louis J. Eckert to William Sarch, lots 10 and 11, Freitag's second add, St. Joseph. $600.

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Mary Tonsh to Joseph Tonsh, 10 acres in township 5, $808.

SOCIETY'S CORNER.

What Benton Harbor People and Their Societies Are Doing.

The W. C. T. U. will meet Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock with Mrs. Barnes, 102 Colfax avenue.

The Chautauqua circle will meet with Mrs. C. C. Sweet Saturday at 2:30 p. m. Roll call: leading thoughts from the astronomer's workshop and some of his tools; a survey of Grecek civilization. "A Resume," Mrs. Shannan; from "Charles X to President Faure," Mrs. George Valentine; questions on Andromeda and Aries, Mrs. E. A. Walker; masterpieces of French painting, talk by Miss Maud Vincent.

Dr. S. M. White will arrive home from Chicago tomorrow night.

The Home circle will meet with Mrs. Brannall Friday afternoon at 2:30 with the following program: Quotations from Tennyson; geography of Greece, Mrs. Dunning; character sketch, "Achilles," Mrs. Plummer; early Greek poetry, Mrs. Eastman; Sparta, Mrs. Morley.

Don A. Wentworth, Samuel Brown, Clarence Morehouse, L. P. Carmichael and Frank Williams left this morning for Norfolk, Va., where they expect to locate.

The Minstrels will soon be here. Don't fail to put in an appearance. If you want an evening of enjoyment. The performance equals that done by professionals and everything is up to date and original.

The ladies' chorus of the Congregational church will meet for rehearsal at the home of Mrs. Don Wentworth tomorrow night at 7 o'clock, the meeting announced to occur at the home of Mrs. Hurlbut being abandoned.

The Current Events class will review the book, "Marcella," at its meeting next Monday night.

The Bay View reading circle met with Mrs. Finch, Lake avenue, last night and reviewed Cooper's "Deerslayer." Lowell and Irving. After the usual program the circle was given an enjoyable sleighride.

C. D. Roylston of Kansas City is in the city on business today.

Attorney Frank P. Graves will go to Watervliet tomorrow to represent Emerson Lee in a criminal proceeding instituted against him by a man named Keller who also alleges that Lee forcibly entered his home and committed an assault upon him and his sister.

The ladies' Aid Society of the Congregational church will meet at the parsonage on Pipestone street Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. A full attendance is hoped for as there is business of importance to be attended to.

Between 25 and 30 members of Puritan lodge, K. of P. left this city in sleighs last evening for the farm home of E. H. Van Camp. The evening was delightfully spent in card playing after which an elaborate lunch was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel McGoldrick left today for their new home in California. They have disposed of their property here and expect to invest in an orange orchard.

The Universalist Sunday school scholars are enjoying a sleighride this afternoon and tonight will be served with an oyster supper in the church parlors.

ST. JOSEPH.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Young Men's Christian League will give an entertainment Friday evening, February 5, at the Hotel Whitcomb for the benefit of the league, charging an admission of 10 cents. The program has been prepared with great care and will prove exceedingly interesting. Refreshments will be served after the entertainment.

Men's Entertainment.

For years the public has been looking for the good thing the men of the Universalist church are going to give Friday night, February 5 at Conkey's hall. You will pay but 10 cents for your fun, the nature of which no man dare divulge at the risk of his life. They will publish the program Thursday. Literary people, especially the ladies must attend to get pointers.

Real Estate Transfers.

John J. Claypool to Charlie L. Patterson 23 acres in Berrien township. $700.

Elizabeth Wilson to Robert Perdue 8 acres in Pipestone township. $300.

John B. Ryno to Smith and Estella Ryno 20 acres in Watervliet township. $1,000.

Probate Court.

Estate of John C. Hill deceased. Dr. John D. Greenamyer, executor of said estate, filed and settled his accounts as such and order of final distribution entered.

Estate of Newton Van Der Veer deceased. Jane E. Van Der Veer administratrix of said estate, filed and settled her accounts as such and order of final distribution of said estate was duly entered.

Estate of Elizabeth Quaygono et al minors, license was granted to Warner M. Baldwin, guardian of said minors, to purchase certain farm property with the money paid to him as guardian of said minors, of the Pottowatomie tribe of Indians.

Clara Shoup was appointed guardian of her four children in order to draw life insurance money.

Divorce Proceedings.

Sarah I. Stoops has filed a bill for divorce from Cameron G. Stoops, alleging non support. They were married May 24, 1890, and have two children, four and six years old.

FOOD FOR THE CATS.

English Sparrows Have to Fight For Their Lives In London.

If left to himself, the London sparrow would probably multiply exceedingly, for there is enough waste from every human household to keep at least one pair of sparrows. That would give something like 1,500,000 sparrows to the area of greater London. But these figures do not represent actual facts. The sparrow population is rigorously kept down, not by want of fecundity—for at the zoo, for instance, where food and shelter abound, the birds seem to breed at all seasons of the year—but by the operation of the natural enemy, that great fact in all wild life, which even the progressive London sparrow cannot avoid. The natural enemy in this case is the London cat. If any one will count up the number of houses in his or her knowledge which do not possess a cat, the numbers and ubiquity of the natural enemy will become apparent. Poor people keep more cats than rich people, so the small houses abound in cats. Rich folsk' cats which have large houses, as a rule, only catch the sparrows on their own estate, but poor cats have to poach at large, and their ravages among the young sparrows are prodigious. It has been observed that a sparrow killing cat bags on an average two young birds a day. No amount of correction seems to prevent their indulgence in this form of sport. They know it is wrong, but it is too fascinating. One young cat of the writer's acquaintance went into a fit after a mild beating for killing young sparrows, and as soon as he recovered went off to catch another. A cat in the same house which was surprised with two naked nestlings in its mouth slipped them underneath a mat on the stairs when it saw its mistress approaching. Nature is too strong for them, and the drawing room pussy seems no more able to resist the taste for sport than the stable cat.—London Spectator.

Spanish Inefficiency.

Spanish inefficiency has been shown up in a ludicrous way by the recent self floating of the new cruiser Princesa de Asturias at Cadiz. The vessel, which it had taken seven years to build, got stuck in the mud when they tried to launch her over a month ago. After trying their best to float her without success for 80 days the Spanish engineers gave up the job, adopting the usual Micawber policy of Spain of waiting for something to turn up. They were justified by the cruiser's slipping into the water of her own accord one afternoon when no one was watching her.

Rheumatism Cured in a Day

"Mystic Cure" for Rheumatism and Neuralgia radically cures in 1 to 3 days. Its action upon the system is remarkable and mysterious. It removes at once the cause and the disease immediately disappears. The first dose greatly benefits.

T. E. Anthoney, Ex-Postmaster of Promise City, Iowa, says: "I bought one bottle of 'Mystic Cure' for Rheumatism' and two doses of it did me more good than any medicine I ever took." 75 cents. Sold by G. M. Dull & Co., druggists Benton Harbor, 109 Main street.

ABOUT THE COUNTY.

Sodus.

WEST SODUS, Feb. 2.—Will Hitchings and daughter Ada have returned from a visit to Clayton. Mr. Hitching's father is suffering from paralysis and is almost blind.

John Hollister and family now stopping with Mrs. Hollister's parents expect to move to California, their new home, next week.

Mr. Fred Schoop's baby is quite sick.

The Ladies' Missionary society of the Bethel church meets with Mrs. Jake Miller on Wednesday this week.

A. C. Bacon is visiting with friends in Kalamazoo. J. L. Harman is doing his chores while gone.

Mrs. Mary Harman went to Benton Harbor Monday to visit her brother, Sam McGoldrie and wife who leaves for California this week.

Mrs. Clara Wan who went to Minnesota to visit friends returned last week.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Glider, a daughter, February 1.

PICKING CHICKENS TO MUSIC

Queer Customs of the Italian Poultry Dealers of San Francisco.

The sailor has his musical shanty to which he keeps time as he trots about the capstan until the anchor is hoisted to the peak, the farmer trills a lay to lighten his labors as he pitches hay into the wagon, and these songs are familiar to many, but who ever heard or saw a gang of Italian chicken pickers sing and denude fowls to the time of the music?

Such a scene can be witnessed any Friday evening in season at the Clay Street market, while the employees of the big poultry houses that have their places of business there are preparing for sale the chickens that the housewife buys for the Sunday dinner.

The men seat themselves in a half circle and each takes a fowl. One stroke of a sharp knife across the throat puts the unfortunate squawking broiler out of its misery, and then the foreman of the gang starts his song. As they catch the air and the time the others chime in, and in an instant the plucking begins. With rhythmic motion the nimble fingers grasp the feathers and pull them out during all the time of the song.

Feathers fly in all directions, but the song goes on until the last pinfeathers are removed and the carcasses are tossed into a pile, ready for the man who puts on the finishing touches and prepares them for the inspection of prospective purchasers.

The rapidity with which a chicken is stripped of its feathers is astonishing to the uninitiated who have tried it but a few times, and so adept have these men become that they finish their fowls almost simultaneously, and the process is repeated in unison. Three dozen birds are not considered a heavy night's work for one man, and when pressed for time they manage to compass even more than that.

The song they sing is remarkably lively and sweet and much recembles the song of the fishermen as they row their boats, though the time is much faster. —San Francisco Call.

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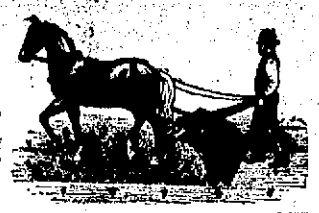

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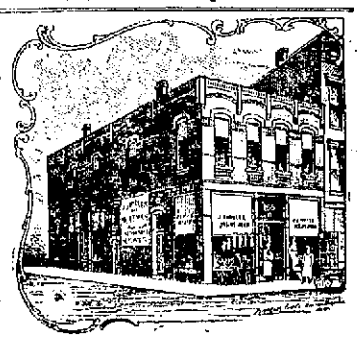

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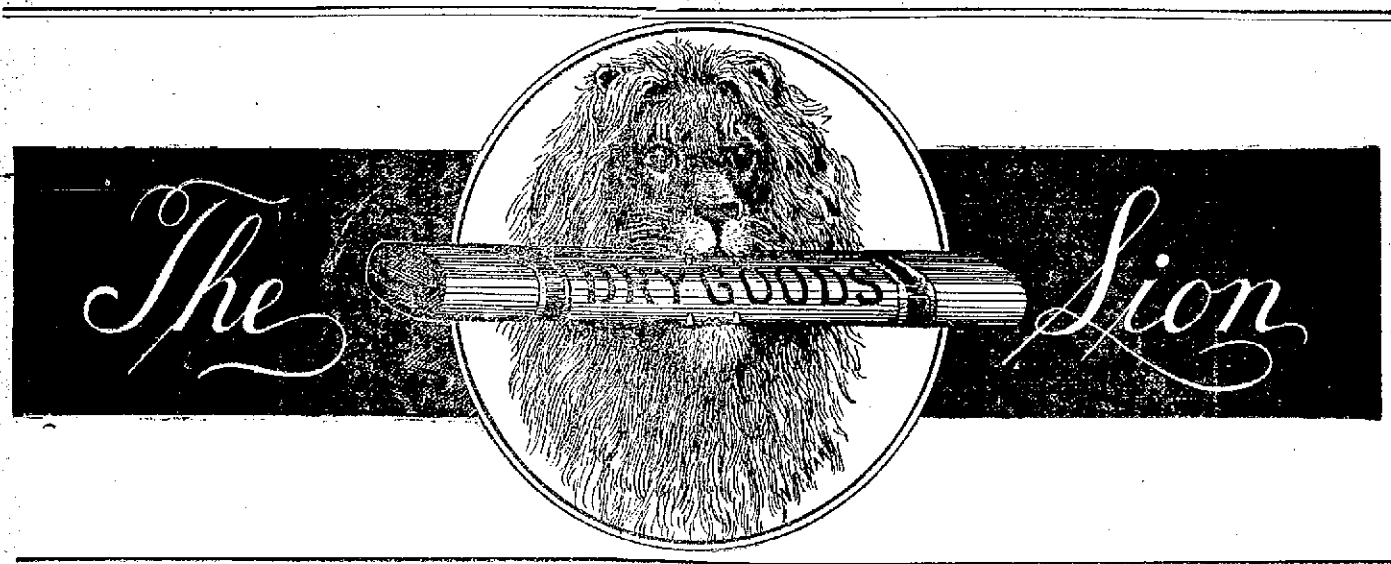

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First District—Bainbridge, 10; Benton, 17; Benton Harbor, first ward, 6; second ward, 13; third ward, 11; fourth ward, 10; Hagar, 7; Lincoln, 9; Oronoko, 12; Royalton, 7; Sodus, 7; St. Joseph, 6; St. Joseph city, first ward, 12; second ward, 13; Watervliet, 19.

Second District—Berrien, 11; Bertrand, 7; Buchanan, 21; Chickaming, 6; Galien, 8; Lake, 13; New Buffalo, 8; Niles, 8; Niles city, first ward, 11; second ward, 6; third ward, 7; fourth 6; Pipestone, 9; Three Oaks, 11; Weesaw, 9.

By order of county committee
FRED A. WOODRUFF,
H. R. HUNTINGTON, Chairman
Secretary

Take Notice.

A. E. Nichols, the dime deliveryman, has changed his office from Lowe & Rouse's drug store to Harry L. Bird's. Mr. Nichols says please try him at his new office and orders will receive more prompt attention. Phone 45, 3 rings. Orders may also be left at Michael & Beeny's.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY.

FOR SALE—GREEN WOOD AT $1.20 PER cord delivered. Call or address 147 Garfield avenue 1556

WANTED—A COMPETENT GIRL FOR general housework in small family. Good wages. Inquire of Mrs. J. H. Graves, Empire avenue or F. P. Graves, Conkey block. 1557f

Real Estate Transfers.

Louis J. Eckert to William Surch, lots 10 and 11, Freitag's second add, St. Joseph, $600.

William Surch to Louis J. Eckert, lots 300 and 304, St. Joseph, $1,800.

Mary Toush to Joseph Toush, 10 acres in township 5, $898.

SOCIETY'S CORNER.

What Benton Harbor People and Their Societies Are Doing.

The W. C. T. U. will meet Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock with Mrs. Barnes, 102 Colfax avenue.

The Chautauqua circle will meet with Mrs. C. C. Sweet Saturday at 2:30 p. m. Roll call; leading thoughts from the astronomer's workshop and some of his tools; a survey of Greek civilization, "A Resume," Mrs. Shauman; from "Charles X to President Faure," Mrs. George Valentine; questions on Andromeda and Aries, Mrs. E. A. Walker; masterpieces of French painting, talk by Miss Maud Vincent.

Dr. S. M. White will arrive home from Chicago tomorrow night.

The Home circle will meet with Mrs. Brammall Friday afternoon at 2:30 with the following program: Quotations from Tennyson; geography of Greece, Mrs. Dunning; character sketch, "Achilles," Mrs. Plummer; early Greek poetry, Mrs. Eastman; Sparta, Mrs. Morley.

Don A. Wentworth, Samuel Brown, Clarence Morehouse, L. P. Carmichael and Frank Williams left this morning for Norfolk, Va., where they expect to locate.

The Minstrels will soon be here. Don't fail to put in an appearance, if you want an evening of enjoyment. The performance equals that done by professionals and everything is up to date and original.

The ladies' chorus of the Congregational church will meet for rehearsal at the home of Mrs. Don Wentworth tomorrow night at 7 o'clock, the meeting announced to occur at the home of Mrs. Hurlbut being abandoned.

The Current Events class will review the book, "Marcella," at its meeting next Monday night.

The Bay View reading circle met with Mrs. Finch, Lake avenue, last night and reviewed Cooper's "Deerslayer." Lowell and Irving. After the usual program the circle was given an enjoyable sleighride.

C. D. Roylston of Kansas City is in the city on business today.

Attorney Frank P. Graves will go to Watervliet tomorrow to represent Emerson Lee in a criminal proceeding instituted against him by a man named Keller who also alleges that Lee forcibly entered his home and committed an assault upon him and his sister.

The ladies' Aid Society of the Congregational church will meet at the parsonage on Pipestone street Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. A full attendance is hoped for as there is business of importance to be attended to.

Between 25 and 30 members of Puritan lodge, K. of P. left this city in sleighs last evening for the farm home of B. H. Van Camp. The evening was delightfully spent in card playing after which an elaborte lunch was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel McGoldrick left today for their new home in California. They have disposed of their property here and expect to invest in an orange orchard.

The Universalist Sunday school scholars are enjoying a sleighride this afternoon, and tonight will be served with an oyster supper in the church parlors.

ST. JOSEPH.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Young Men's Christian League will give an entertainment Friday evening, February 5, at the Hotel Whitcomb for the benefit of the league, charging an admission of 10 cents. The program has been prepared with great care and will prove exceedingly interesting. Refreshments will be served after the entertainment.

Men's Entertainment.

For years the public has been looking for the good thing the men of the Universalist church are going to give Friday night, February 5 at Conkey's hall. You will pay but 10 cents for your fun, the nature of which no man dare divulge at the risk of his life. They will publish the program Thursday. Literary people, especially the ladies must attend to get pointers.

Real Estate Transfers.

John J. Claypool to Charlie L. Patterson 23 acres in Berrien township, $700.

Elizapeth Wilson to Robert Perdue 8 acres in Pipestone township, $300.

John B. Ryno to Smith and Estella Ryno 20 acres in Watervliet township, $1,000.

Probate Court.

Estate of John C. Hill deceased. Dr. John D. Greenamyer, executor of said estate, filed and settled his accounts as such and order of final distribution entered

Estate of Newton Van Der Veer deceased. Jane E. Van Der Veer administratrix of said estate, filed and settled her accounts as such and order of final distribution of said estate was duly entered.

Estate of Elizabeth Quaygono et al minors, license was granted to Warner M. Baldwin, guardian of said minors, to purchase certain farm property with the money paid to him as guardian of said minors, of the Pottowatomie tribe of Indians.

Clara Shoup was appointed guardian of her four children in order to draw life insurance money.

Divorce Proceedings.

Sarah I. Stoops has filed a bill for divorce from Cameron G. Stoops allegnon support. They were married May 24, 1890, and have two children, four and six years old.

FOOD FOR THE CATS.

English Sparrows Have to Fight For Their Lives In London.

If left to himself, the London sparrow would probably multiply exceedingly, for there is enough waste from every human household to keep at least one pair of sparrows. That would give something like 1,500,000 sparrows to the area of greater London. But these figures do not represent actual facts. The sparrow population is rigorously kept down, not by want of fecundity—for at the zoo, for instance, where food and shelter abound, the birds seem to breed at all seasons of the year—but by the operation of the natural enemy, that great fact in all wild life, which even the progressive London sparrow cannot avoid. The natural enemy in this case is the London cat. If any one will count up the number of houses in his or her knowledge which do not possess a cat, the numbers and ubiquity of the natural enemy will become apparent. Poor people keep more cats than rich people, so the small houses abound in cats. Rich folsk' cats which have large houses, as a rule, only catch the sparrows on their own estate, but poor cats have to poach at large, and their ravages among the young sparrows are prodigious. It has been observed that a sparrow killing cat bags on an average two young birds a day. No amount of correction seems to prevent their indulgence in this form of sport. They know it is wrong, but it is too fascinating. One young cat of the writer's acquaintance went into a fit after a mild beating for killing young sparrows, and as soon as he recovered went off to catch another. A cat in the same house which was surprised with two naked nestlings in its mouth slipped them underneath a mat on the stairs when it saw its mistress approaching. Nature is too strong for them, and the drawing room pussy seems no more able to resist the taste for sport than the stable cat.—London Spectator.

Spanish Inefficiency.

Spanish inefficiency has been shown up in a ludicrous way by the recent self floating of the new cruiser Princesa de Asturias at Cadiz. The vessel, which it had taken seven years to build, got stuck in the mud when they tried to launch her over a month ago. After trying their best to float her without success for 30 days the Spanish engineers gave up the job, adopting the usual Micawber policy of Spain of waiting for something to turn up. They were justified by the cruiser's slipping into the water of her own accord one afternoon when no one was watching her.

Rheumatism Cured in a Day

"Mystic Cure" for Rheumatism and Neuralgia radically cures in 1 to 3 days. Its action upon the system is remarkable and mysterious. It removes at once the cause and the disease immediately disappears. The first dose greatly benefits.

T. F. Anthoney, Ex-Postmaster of Promise City, Iowa, says: "I bought one bottle of 'Mystic Cure' for rheumatism and two doses of it did me more good than any medicine I ever took." 75 cents. Sold by G. M. Doll & Co. druggists Benton Harbor, 103 Main street.

ABOUT THE COUNTY.

Sodus.

WEST SODUS, Feb. 2.—Will Hitchings and daughter Ada have returned from a visit to Clayton. Mr. Hitching's father is suffering from paralysis and is almost blind.

John Hollister and family now stopping with Mrs. Hollister's parents expect to move to California, their new home, next week.

Mr. Fred Schoop's baby is quite sick.

The Ladies' Missionary society of the Bethel church meets with Mrs. Jake Miller on Wednesday this week.

A. C. Bacon is visiting with friends in Kalamazoo. J. L. Harman is doing his chores while gone.

Mrs. Mary Harman went to Benton Harbor Monday to visit her brother. Sam McGoldric and wife who leaves for California this week.

Mrs. Clara Wan who went to Minnesota to visit friends returned last week.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Glades, a daughter, February 1.

PICKING CHICKENS TO MUSIC

Queer Customs of the Italian Poultry Dealers of San Francisco.

The sailor has his musical shanty to which he keeps time as he trots about the capstan until the anchor is hoisted to the peak, the farmer trills a lay to lighten his labors as he pitches hay into the wagon, and these songs are familiar to many, but who ever heard or saw a gang of Italian chicken pickers sing and denude fowls to the time of the music?

Such a scene can be witnessed any Friday evening in season at the Clay Street market, while the employees of the big poultry houses that have their places of business there are preparing for sale the chickens that the housewife buys for the Sunday dinner.

The men seat themselves in a half circle and each takes a fowl. One stroke of a sharp knife across the throat puts the unfortunate squawking broiler out of its misery, and then the foreman of the gang starts his song. As they catch the air and the time the others chime in, and in an instant the plucking begins. With rhythmic motion the nimble fingers grasp the feathers and pull them out during all the time of the song.

Feathers fly in all directions, but the song goes on until the last pinfeathers are removed and the carcasses are tossed into a pile, ready for the man who puts on the finishing touches and prepares them for the inspection of prospective purchasers.

The rapidity with which a chicken is stripped of its feathers is astonishing to the uninitiated who have tried it but a few times, and so adept have these men become that they finish their fowls almost simultaneously, and the process is repeated in unison. Three dozen birds are not considered a heavy night's work for one man, and when pressed for time they manage to compass even more than that.

The song they sing is remarkably lively and sweet and much resembles the song of the fishermen as they row their boats, though the time is much faster. —San Francisco Call.

Place your order here for the

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WEEDER AND CULTIVATOR,

The greatest labor saving machine of the day. No farmer can afford to be without a weeder. It will make him money. Send for catalogue.

A sample of the New Deering Binder and Mower for '97 now on the floor which we shall be pleased to show to all interested.

A Disappointed Lover

is the man who starts out with his heart beating as merrily as his sleigh bells to take his sweetheart out for a sleigh ride, and has to return because the knee of his sleigh has broken or the runners have spread! Don't take any such risks! We will sell you a new style, handsome Portland sleigh, either single or double, at such a low price that they will meet the purses of all.

AS TO HARNESS

We are strictly in it. No old shop worn goods. All hand made from the best material and made at 155-157 Pipestone street. Call and see the material they are made from and have one built to suit you. All kinds of harness repairing neatly and promptly done. We are here to serve you.

W. C. Hovey, 155-157 Pipestone Street.

Benton Harbor MEAT and Provision HOUSE.

We change our add to say that we have the largest stock we have ever carried in the city. If you want high-priced beef steak, we simply say we have it; if you are looking for low prices we are the place. We have the stock, the assortment and we fear no competition in our line.

If you want a quart of oysters, solid meats, we have them.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.

J. J. MILLER,
The Meat Man.

The Lion

DRY GOODS

Our Way of Selling...

...Dry Goods and Clothing

Is not to let them linger too long. If a loss must be taken there's no hesitation. Below is a list of seasonable goods we will let go of at a loss.

Ladies' Twilled Serge Wrappers at 69 cents each.

DRESS GOODS DEP'T.

All Wool Ladies' Cloth . . .
All Wool Serges . . . .
All Wool Henriettas . . .

19c Per Yard...

Ladies' Flannelette Night Gowns at 49 cents each.

Blanket Department

One line of Blankets to close at

29 Cents Per Pair.

Linen Department

We bought two cases of LINEN TOWELING and we are going to let go of them at

25 YARDS FOR $1.00.

Jacket Department

Any Jacket or Cape at just

One-Half Price.

SHAWL DEPARTMENT--All of our fine shawls, worth up to $6.50 each, we will let go of for $3 each.

CLOTHING DEPT.---Men's suits, worth up to $6.50 at $3.50; Men's suits, worth up to $10, at $5.50; Men's suits, worth up to $13.50 at $7.50; Men's suits worth up to $16.50 at $10.

We have just received our new spring line of Dress Novelties, Wash Goods, White Goods, etc.

SHEPARD & BENNING

We close at 6 except Saturday and Monday.

ST. JOSEPH.